

HB266 INTRODUCED



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SYNOPSIS:

Under existing law, a person commits the crime of reckless endangerment if he or she recklessly engages in conduct that creates a substantial risk of serious physical injury to another individual.

This bill would further provide for the offense of reckless endangerment by providing heightened criminal penalties for recklessly engaging in conduct that creates a substantial risk of serious physical injury to multiple individuals, and additional heightened penalties for the use of a firearm during the commission of the offense.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to crimes and offenses; to amend Section 13A-6-24, Code of Alabama 1975; to further provide for the crime of reckless endangerment; and to provide conditions for increased criminal penalties for a violation.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Section 13A-6-24, Code of Alabama 1975, is amended to read as follows:



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"§13A-6-24

(a) A person commits the crime of reckless endangerment if he or she does either of the following:

(1) ~~recklessly~~ Recklessly engages in conduct ~~which~~ that creates a substantial risk of serious physical injury to another ~~person~~ individual.

(2) Recklessly engages in conduct that creates a substantial risk of serious physical injury to multiple individuals.

(b) (1) ~~Reckless endangerment~~ A violation of subdivision (a) (1) is a Class A misdemeanor.

(2)a. Except as provided in paragraph b., a violation of subdivision (a) (2) is a Class C felony.

b. A violation of subdivision (a) (2) is a Class B felony if the person uses a deadly weapon or dangerous instrument in the commission of the offense."

Section 2. This act shall become effective on October 1, 2026.