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HOUSE BILL NO. 1522

97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES NEWMAN (Sponsor), MORGAN AND KIRKTON (Co-sponsors).

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 574, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to making a threat to the security of a building or public school, with a penalty provision.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 574, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 574.117, to read as follows:

574.117. 1. A person commits the offense of making a threat to the security of a building or a public school if such person communicates a knowingly false report which jeopardizes security procedures, or knowingly causes a false belief or fear which would cause the initiation of security procedures:

(1) With the purpose of deliberately causing a lockdown, evacuation, quarantine, or closure of any portion of a public school, building, inhabitable structure, place of assembly, or facility of transportation;

(2) With reckless disregard of the risk of causing a lockdown, evacuation, quarantine, or closure of any portion of a public school, building, inhabitable structure, place of assembly, or facility of transportation;

(3) With criminal negligence with regard to the risk of causing a lockdown, evacuation, quarantine, or closure of any portion of a public school, building, inhabitable structure, place of assembly, or facility of transportation;

(4) With reckless disregard to the pain and suffering of those involved in a knowingly false threat; or

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

16 **(5) With reckless disregard to exposing internal security procedures designed to**
17 **protect the inhabitants of the public school, building, inhabitable structure, place of**
18 **assembly, or facility of transportation.**

19 **2. Making a threat to the security of a building or public school is a class C felony**
20 **unless committed under subdivision (5) of subsection 1 of this section in which case it is a**
21 **class D felony.**

22 **3. As used in this section, "lockdown" means a security procedure limiting the**
23 **movement of persons out of, into, or within a public school, building, inhabitable structure,**
24 **place of assembly, or facility of transportation.**

25 **4. For the purpose of this section, "threat" includes an express or implied threat,**
26 **or withholding information that the threat is knowingly false.**

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