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HOUSE BILL NO. 516

Offered January 18, 2000

A BILL to amend and reenact § 18.2-60 of the Code of Virginia, relating to certain threats communicated to school personnel and others; penalty.

Patrons—Armstrong and Day; Senator: Reynolds

Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 18.2-60 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 18.2-60. Threats of death or bodily injury to a person or member of his family; certain threats communicated to school personnel and others; penalty.

A. If any person write or compose and also send or procure the sending of any letter, inscribed communication or electronically transmitted communication producing a visual or electronic message, so written or composed, whether such letter or communication be signed or anonymous, to any person, containing a threat to kill or do bodily injury to the person to whom such letter or communication is sent, or a threat to kill or do bodily injury to any member of his or her family, the person so writing or composing and sending or procuring the sending of such letter or communication shall be guilty of a Class 6 felony and may be prosecuted either in the county, city or town in which the letter or inscribed communication is composed, written, sent or procured to be sent or in the county, city or town in which the letter or inscribed communication is received.

B. If any person orally makes a threat to any employee of any elementary, middle or secondary school, while on a school bus, on school property or at a school-sponsored activity, to kill or to do bodily injury to such person, he shall be guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

C. If any person with intent to cause fear in any other person communicates a threat to use a firearm to kill or do bodily harm to another person in the buildings or upon the grounds of any elementary, middle or secondary school, any school bus, any school property or the location of a school-sponsored activity, he shall be guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

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