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**HOUSE BILL NO. 1947**

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE**

(Proposed by the House Committee for Courts of Justice  
on February 1, 2019)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Campbell, J.L.)

*A BILL to amend and reenact § 18.2-83 of the Code of Virginia, relating to threats to bomb or damage; false information as to danger; private or public elementary or secondary school; penalty.*

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

**1. That § 18.2-83 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

**§ 18.2-83. Threats to bomb or damage buildings or means of transportation; false information as to danger to such buildings, etc.; punishment; venue.**

A. Any person ~~(a)~~ (i) who makes and communicates to another by any means any threat to bomb, burn, destroy, or in any manner damage any place of assembly, building, or other structure, or any means of transportation, or ~~(b)~~ (ii) who communicates to another, by any means, information, knowing the same to be false, as to the existence of any peril of bombing, burning, destruction, or damage to any such place of assembly, building, or other structure, or any means of transportation, ~~shall be~~ *is* guilty of a Class 5 felony; provided, however, that if such person ~~be~~ *is* under ~~fifteen~~ 15 years of age, he ~~shall be~~ *is* guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

B. *If any person commits a violation of this section by communicating to another a threat or information concerning a private or public elementary or secondary school, the sentence imposed shall include a term of confinement of at least six months, five days of which shall be a mandatory minimum term of confinement.*

C. A violation of this section may be prosecuted either in the jurisdiction from which the communication was made or in the jurisdiction where the communication was received.

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