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HOUSE BILL NO. 1597

98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE NEWMAN.

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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
2 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
2 building or a public school if such person communicates a knowingly false report which
3 jeopardizes security procedures, or knowingly causes a false belief or fear which would
4 cause the initiation of security procedures:**

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

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

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

14 **(4) With reckless disregard to the pain and suffering of those involved in a
15 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 **until December 31, 2016, and a class D felony beginning January 1, 2017, unless committed**
21 **under subdivision (5) of subsection 1 of this section in which case it is a class D felony until**
22 **December 31, 2016, and a class E felony beginning January 1, 2017.**

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

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

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