



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 1045

SENATE BILL NO. 2221

By Powers, White, Stevens

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1658

By Lamberth, Doggett, Hulsey, Sherrell, Moody, McCalmon, Hardaway, Carringer, Bricken

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, relative to criminal offenses.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 13, Part 1, is amended by adding the following new section:

(a) A person commits assault against a participant in judicial proceedings who, while on the premises of a building in which judicial proceedings occur:

(1) Knowingly causes bodily injury to a victim who the person knows or reasonably should know is present due to the victim's participation in judicial proceedings; or

(2) Knowingly causes physical contact with a victim who the person knows or reasonably should know is present due to the victim's participation in judicial proceedings and a reasonable person would regard the contact as extremely offensive or provocative, including, but not limited to, spitting, throwing, or otherwise transferring bodily fluids, bodily pathogens, or human waste onto the person of the victim.

(b) A violation of subsection (a) is a Class E felony.

(c) As used in this section, "victim's participation in judicial proceedings" includes:

(1) A victim's employment as a judge, district attorney general, attorney for a party in a criminal or civil case, court employee, bailiff, courtroom security personnel, and other person who works in the building in which judicial proceedings occur;

(2) A victim's status as a juror, witness, or party to a criminal or civil case or a victim in a criminal case; and

(3) A victim's status as a member of the public lawfully present in a courtroom during a criminal or civil proceeding.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-601, is amended by deleting subsection (d) and substituting:

(d)(1) To clarify existing law, this section does not:

(A) Apply to a person who installs software on a computer the person owns if the software is intended solely to monitor and record the use of the internet by a minor child of whom the person is a parent or legal guardian;

(B) Restrict a business from selecting the business's vendors and disclosing communications to those vendors, by interception or otherwise, in the normal course of business;

(C) Restrict a business in how the business develops websites and mobile applications, which may allow disclosure of communications to vendors, by interception or otherwise, in the normal course of business; or

(D) Restrict the technology that a business can use on the business's website or mobile applications, including, but not limited to, cookies and pixels provided by vendors.

(2) As used in this subsection (d), "vendor" means a person or entity providing goods, services, information, or analysis to a business, with or without compensation.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-603, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety.

SECTION 4. Section 1 of this act takes effect July 1, 2024, the public welfare requiring it. Sections 2 and 3 of this act take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: April 23, 2024



RANDY McNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 28th day of May 2024



BILL LEE, GOVERNOR