

SENATE BILL 7036

By Oliver

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39,
relative to threats of mass violence.

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 an offense who knowingly threatens to commit an act of mass violence against another and frightens the other person.

(b)

(1) Except as provided in subdivision (b)(2), a violation of subsection (a) is a Class E felony.

(2) If the defendant threatened to commit an act of mass violence against the other person due to the person's status as a healthcare provider who provides gender-affirming care, then the violation of subsection (a) is a hate crime, and shall be punished one (1) classification higher than otherwise provided.

(c) As used in this section:

(1) "Gender-affirming care" means medical treatment that is intended to support and affirm the patient's gender identity;

(2) "Healthcare provider" means healthcare professionals, establishments, or facilities licensed, registered, certified, or permitted pursuant to title 63 or title 68 and regulated under the authority of either the department of

health or an agency, board, council, or committee attached to the department of health; and

(3) "Mass violence" means the same as provided in § 39-16-517.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect October 1, 2023, the public welfare requiring it.