

HOUSE BILL 2172

By Alexander

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 33;
Title 39 and Title 40, relative to mass violence.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-16-517, is amended by deleting subsections (b) and (c) and substituting:

(b) A person who recklessly, by any means of communication, threatens to commit an act of mass violence on school property or at a school-related activity commits a Class D felony.

(c) As a condition of bail or other pretrial release, the court shall order the defendant to undergo an evaluation, under § 33-7-301, to determine whether the defendant poses a substantial likelihood of serious harm to the person or others.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-16-517(d)(3), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting:

(3) Any person who has knowledge of a threat of mass violence on school property or at a school-related activity and knowingly fails to report the threat commits a Class A misdemeanor.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect October 1, 2023, the public welfare requiring it.