

State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 887

HOUSE BILL NO. 2198

By Representatives Mitchell, Mr. Speaker Sexton, Hemmer, Powell, Jernigan, Butler, Doggett, Curtis Johnson, Hardaway, Holsclaw, Stevens, Helton-Haynes, Moon, Burkhart, Richey, Alexander

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 2263

By Senators Lundberg, Crowe, Rose, Walley, Yarbro

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, Section 39-16-517, is amended by deleting subsection (b) and substituting:

(b)

- (1) 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 E felony.
- (2) This section does not apply to a person with an intellectual disability, as defined in § 33-1-101.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2024, the public welfare requiring it, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

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PASSED: April 11, 2024
CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
RANDY MCNALLY SPEAKER OF THE SENATE
APPROVED this day of 2024
BILL LEE, GOVERNOR