



**State of Tennessee**  
**PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 794**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 2395**

**By Representatives Davis, Hardaway**

**Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 2222**

**By Senator Lowe**

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 38; Title 39 and Title 40, relative to criminal offenses.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-16-502, is amended by deleting subdivision (a)(3) and substituting:

(3) Intentionally initiate or circulate a report of a past, present, or impending bombing, active shooter, hostage situation, fire, or other emergency, knowing that the report is false or baseless and knowing:

(A) It will cause action of any sort by an official or volunteer agency organized to deal with those emergencies, including, but not limited to, action by a special weapons and tactics team or other division of law enforcement designed to deal with high-risk situations;

(B) It will place a person in fear of imminent serious bodily injury; or

(C) It will prevent or interrupt the occupation of:

(i) Any building, place of assembly, form of conveyance, or any other place to which the public has access; or

(ii) A private residence or residential building.

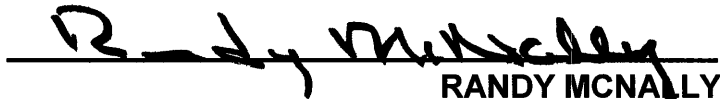
SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2024, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: April 8, 2024



CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RANDY MCNALLY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April 2024



BILL LEE, GOVERNOR