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RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- PUBLIC UTILITIES

Introduced By: Representatives Fogarty, Kazarian, Handy, Ajello, J. Lombardi, Carson, Shallcross Smith, Spears, and Alzate

Date Introduced: February 06, 2026

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 11-35-18 of the General Laws in Chapter 11-35 entitled "Public
2 Utilities" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **11-35-18. Bomb threats and similar false reports.**

4 (a) Whoever, knowing the report to be false, transmits or causes to be transmitted to any
5 person by telephone or other means a communication falsely reporting , warning, or threatening
6 either the location existence of any explosive or other dangerous substance or contrivance, or a
7 shooting or other dangerous event or happening, at a location, causing terror, anxiety, unrest, fear,
8 or personal discomfort by that false report , warning, or threat to any person or group of persons, or
9 prompting an evacuation or lockdown of a location or other law enforcement response, shall be
10 guilty of a felony and shall be punished by imprisonment at the adult correctional institutions for
11 not more than ten (10) years, or by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000), or by
12 both fine and imprisonment.

13 (b) For any person charged under subsection (a) of this section, the court may consider any
14 factors, including whether the person poses a danger to any individual, the community, or the
15 defendant, when making bail determinations, and may impose any reasonable conditions or court
16 order, including, but not limited to:

17 (1) An extreme risk protection order pursuant to the provisions of chapter 8.3 of title 8;
18 (2) A no trespass order for any educational, religious, or public institution or building;
19 (3) A mental health assessment and/or a referral for mental health treatment; and/or

1 (4) Substance abuse counseling.

2 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would expand the meaning of bomb threats and false reports to include any
- 2 warning or threat of the existence of an explosive device and/or which that prompts a law
- 3 enforcement response and allows a judge to impose conditions of bail to include extreme risk
- 4 protection orders, no trespass orders and counseling.

- 5 This act would take effect upon passage.

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