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IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - COMPUTER CRIME

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1   SECTION 1. Chapter 11-52 of the General Laws entitled "Computer Crime" is hereby

2   amended by adding thereto the following section:

3   **11-52-9. False statements or threats. --** Any person who shall use a computer, phone,

4   smartphone, tablet, facsimile (fax) machine, social media, or any like device to make any

5   statements or threats concerning the endangerment of students at any public or private daycare

6   facility, preschool, school, college, or university in the state of Rhode Island shall be guilty of a

7   felony and upon conviction shall be imprisoned for a period of no less than five (5) years, nor

8   more than twenty (20) years or a fine of no less than ten thousand dollars ($10,000), nor more

9   than one hundred thousand dollars ($100,000), or both and shall, in addition to imprisonment

10   and/or fine, be ordered to make full restitution to the state, municipality and/or school, for any

11   emergency response expense that is expended as a result of the statement or threat to the

12   endangered students.

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

EXPLANATION

BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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1   This act would prohibit the use of a computer, phone, smartphone, tablet, fax machine,

2   social media or any like device to make any statements or threats concerning the endangerment of

3   students at any public or private daycare facility, preschool, school, college or university in the

4   state of Rhode Island.

5   This act would upon conviction be a felony resulting in fines and/or imprisonment and

6   restitution to the state, municipality and/or school.

7   This act would take effect upon passage.

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