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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1733

By: Representative Gazaway

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT CONCERNING A THREAT TO COMMIT AN ACT OF MASS
VIOLENCE ON SCHOOL PROPERTY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

CONCERNING A THREAT TO COMMIT AN ACT OF
MASS VIOLENCE ON SCHOOL PROPERTY.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 5, Chapter 13, Subchapter 3, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

5-13-302. Threatening to commit an act of mass violence on school property.

(a) As used in this section:

(1) "Mass violence" means physical injury that a reasonable person would conclude could lead to permanent injury, including without limitation permanent physical injury, permanent mental injury, or permanent emotional injury, or death to two (2) or more people; and

(2) "School" means a:

(A) Public or private daycare or preschool facility;

(B) Public or private school for students in grades kindergarten through twelve (K-12);

(C) Technical institute or post-secondary vocational-technical school; or

(D) Two-year or four-year college or university.

(b) A person commits the offense of threatening to commit an act of mass violence on school property if:



(1) The person knowingly threatens to commit an act of mass violence on school property or at a curricular or extracurricular activity sponsored by a school by any means of communication; and

(2) Places a person or group of persons in a position to reasonably fear for their safety.

(c) Threatening to commit an act of mass violence on school property is a Class C felony.

/s/Gazaway

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