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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015

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RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - COMPUTER CRIME

Introduced By: Representatives Fellela, Gallison, Mattiello, Casey, and McNamara

Date Introduced: January 14, 2015

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 11-52 of the General Laws entitled "Computer Crime" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

11-52-9. False statements or threats. -- Any person who shall use a computer, phone, smartphone, tablet, facsimile (fax) machine, social media, or any like device to make any statements or threats concerning the endangerment of students at any public or private daycare facility, preschool, school, college, or university in the state of Rhode Island shall be guilty of a felony and upon conviction shall be imprisoned for a period of no less than five (5) years, nor more than twenty (20) years or a fine of no less than ten thousand dollars ($10,000), nor more than one hundred thousand dollars ($100,000), or both and shall, in addition to imprisonment and/or fine, be ordered to make full restitution to the state, municipality and/or school, for any emergency response expense that is expended as a result of the statement or threat to the endangered students.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.
EXPLANATION
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This act would prohibit the use of a computer, phone, smartphone, tablet, fax machine, social media or any like device to make any statements or threats concerning the endangerment of students at any public or private daycare facility, preschool, school, college or university in the state of Rhode Island.

This act would upon conviction be a felony resulting in fines and/or imprisonment and restitution to the state, municipality and/or school.

This act would take effect upon passage.

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