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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1733

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5 By: Representative Gazaway

For An Act To Be Entitled

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

Subtitle

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

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

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19 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 5, Chapter 17, is amended to add an
20 additional section to read as follows:

21 5-17-102. Threatening to commit an act of mass violence on school
22 property.

23 (a) As used in this section:

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

28 (2) "School" means a:

29 (A) Public or private daycare or preschool facility;

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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