**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 16‑23‑540 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR A PERSON TO THREATEN, SOLICIT ANOTHER TO THREATEN, OR CONSPIRE TO THREATEN TO CAUSE DAMAGE, INJURY, OR DEATH OR TO CAUSE DAMAGE TO OR DESTROY A BUILDING OR OTHER REAL OR PERSONAL PROPERTY BY USE OF A WEAPON ON ANY PREMISES OR PROPERTY OWNED, OPERATED, OR CONTROLLED BY A PRIVATE OR PUBLIC SCHOOL, COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY, TECHNICAL COLLEGE, OR OTHER POST‑SECONDARY INSTITUTION OR IN ANY PUBLICLY OWNED BUILDING, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. Article 5, Chapter 23, Title 16 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 16‑23‑540. (A) It is unlawful for a person to threaten, solicit another to threaten, or conspire to threaten to cause damage, injury, or death or to cause damage to or destroy a building or other real or personal property by use of a weapon on any premises or property owned, operated, or controlled by a private or public school, college, university, technical college, or other post‑secondary institution or in any publicly owned building.

(B) A person who violates subsection (A) is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, must be fined not more than two thousand dollars, imprisoned not more than two years, or both.

(C) A person who violates subsection (A) resulting in damage to or destruction of a building or other real or personal property is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, must be fined not more than three thousand dollars, imprisoned not more than three years, or both.

(D) A person who violates subsection (A) resulting in the injury or death of another person is guilty of a felony and, upon conviction, must be fined not more than five thousand dollars, imprisoned not more than five years, or both.

(E) The penalties provided in this section are in addition to other penalties as provided by law for more serious offenses.”

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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