**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 16-17-425 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO STUDENT THREATS, TO PROVIDE A PENALTY FOR A STUDENT OF A SCHOOL OR COLLEGE WHO MAKES CERTAIN THREATS.

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

SECTION 1. Section 16-17-425 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 16-17-425. (A) It is unlawful for a student of a school or college in this State to make threats to take the life of or to inflict bodily harm upon another by using any form of communication whatsoever.

(B) Nothing contained in this section may be construed to repeal, replace, or preclude application of any other criminal statute.

(C) A person who violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, must be fined not more than one thousand dollars, imprisoned for not more than thirty days, or both.”

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

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