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HOUSE BILL NO. 1339

99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE NEWMAN.

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 574, RSMo, by adding thereto three new sections relating to making a threat to the security of a public building or public school, with penalty provisions.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 574, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto three new sections, to be
2 known as sections 574.127, 574.128, and 574.129, to read as follows:

2 **574.127. 1. A person commits the offense of making a threat to the security of a**
3 **public building or public school in the first degree if, being eighteen years of age or older,**
4 **such person communicates a knowingly false report that jeopardizes security procedures**
5 **or knowingly causes a false belief or fear that would cause the initiation of security**
6 **procedures, with the purpose of knowingly and deliberately causing a lockdown,**
7 **evacuation, quarantine, or closure of any portion of a public school, public building, public**
8 **inhabitable structure, public place of assembly, or public facility of transportation.**

9 **2. The offense of making a threat to the security of a public building or public**
10 **school in the first degree is a class D felony.**

11 **3. As used in this section, "lockdown" means a security procedure limiting the**
12 **movement of persons out of, into, or within a public school, public building, public**
13 **inhabitable structure, public place of assembly, or public facility of transportation.**

14 **4. For the purpose of this section, "threat" includes an express or implied threat**
or withholding information that the threat is knowingly false.

574.128. 1. A person commits the offense of making a threat to the security of a
2 **public building or public school in the second degree if, being eighteen years of age or**
3 **older, such person communicates a knowingly false report that jeopardizes security**

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

4 **procedures or knowingly causes a false belief or fear that would cause the initiation of**
5 **security procedures, with reckless disregard of the risk of causing a lockdown, evacuation,**
6 **quarantine, or closure of any portion of a public school, public building, public inhabitable**
7 **structure, public place of assembly, or public facility of transportation.**

8 **2. The offense of making a threat to the security of a public building or public**
9 **school in the second degree is a class E felony.**

10 **3. As used in this section, "lockdown" means a security procedure limiting the**
11 **movement of persons out of, into, or within a public school, public building, public**
12 **inhabitable structure, public place of assembly, or public facility of transportation.**

13 **4. For the purpose of this section, "threat" includes an express or implied threat**
14 **or withholding information that the threat is knowingly false.**

574.129. 1. A person commits the offense of making a threat to the security of a
2 **public building or public school in the third degree if, being eighteen years of age or older,**
3 **such person communicates a knowingly false report that jeopardizes security procedures**
4 **or knowingly causes a false belief or fear that would cause the initiation of security**
5 **procedures:**

6 **(1) With criminal negligence with regard to the risk of causing a lockdown,**
7 **evacuation, quarantine, or closure of any portion of a public school, public building, public**
8 **inhabitable structure, public place of assembly, or public facility of transportation;**

9 **(2) With reckless disregard to the pain and suffering of those involved in a**
10 **knowingly false threat; or**

11 **(3) With reckless disregard to exposing internal security procedures designed to**
12 **protect the inhabitants of the public school, public building, public inhabitable structure,**
13 **public place of assembly, or public facility of transportation.**

14 **2. The offense of making a threat to the security of a public building or public**
15 **school in the third degree is a class A misdemeanor.**

16 **3. As used in this section, "lockdown" means a security procedure limiting the**
17 **movement of persons out of, into, or within a public school, public building, public**
18 **inhabitable structure, public place of assembly, or public facility of transportation.**

19 **4. For the purpose of this section, "threat" includes an express or implied threat**
20 **or withholding information that the threat is knowingly false.**

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