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HOUSE BILL 1347

Short Title: False Report/Mass Violence at School. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Holloway, Faison, Folwell (Primary Sponsors);
Blackwood, Blust, Cotham, Current, Dollar, and Hilton.

Referred to: Judiciary III.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT TO MAKE IT A CRIMINAL OFFENSE TO MAKE A FALSE REPORT
CONCERNING A THREAT OF MASS VIOLENCE ON EDUCATIONAL
PROPERTY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Article 35 of Chapter 14 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 14-277.5. Making a false report concerning mass violence on educational property.

(a) The following definitions apply in this section:

(1) Communicate. – The term includes only communications by mail, phone, text message, fax, electronic mail, or other electronic communication.

(2) Educational property. – As defined in G.S. 14-269.2.

(3) Mass violence. – Physical injury that a reasonable person would conclude could lead to permanent injury (including mental or emotional injury) or death to two or more people.

(4) School. – As defined in G.S. 14-269.2.

(b) A person who communicates to another person a false report that an act of mass violence is going to occur on educational property or at a curricular or extracurricular activity sponsored by a school knowing the report to be false is guilty of a Class H felony.

(c) The court may order a person convicted under this section to pay restitution, including costs and consequential damages resulting from the disruption of the normal activity that would have otherwise occurred on the premises but for the false report, pursuant to Article 81C of Chapter 15A of the General Statutes."

SECTION 2. This act becomes effective December 1, 2007, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.