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**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 16‑3‑1040, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THREATENING THE LIFE, PERSON, OR FAMILY OF A PUBLIC OFFICIAL, TEACHER, OR PRINCIPAL, SO AS TO INCLUDE DIRECT OR INDIRECT THREATS.

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

SECTION 1. Section 16‑3‑1040(A) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“(A) It is unlawful for a person knowingly and wilfully to deliver or convey directly or indirectly to a public official or to a teacher or principal of an elementary or secondary school any letter or paper, writing, print, missive, document, or electronic communication or verbal or electronic communication which contains a threat to take the life of or to inflict bodily harm upon the public official, teacher, or principal, or ~~members~~ a member of ~~his~~ the immediate family of any of them, if the threat is directly related to the professional responsibilities of the public ~~official’s~~ official, ~~teacher’s~~ teacher, or ~~principal’s professional responsibilities~~ principal.”

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

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