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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, MARCH 21, 2003

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, further providing for terroristic
3 threats and for penalties.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Section 2706(d) and (e) of Title 18 of the
7 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended to read:

8 § 2706. Terroristic threats.

9 [(d) Grading.--An offense under subsection (a) constitutes a
10 misdemeanor of the first degree unless the threat causes the
11 occupants of the building, place of assembly or facility of
12 public transportation to be diverted from their normal or
13 customary operations, in which case the offense constitutes a
14 felony of the third degree.

15 (e) Definition.--As used in this section, the term
16 "communicates" means conveys in person or by written or

1 electronic means, including telephone, electronic mail,
2 Internet, facsimile, telex and similar transmissions.]

3 (d) Grading.--

4 (1) An offense under subsection (a) constitutes a
5 misdemeanor of the first degree except as provided in
6 paragraphs (2) and (3).

7 (2) An offense under subsection (a) constitutes a felony
8 of the second degree where the threat is communicated on or
9 within 1000 feet of the real property on which a public,
10 private or parochial school or a college or university is
11 located and during the course of the offense, the person
12 possesses a firearm as defined in section 2707.1(d) (relating
13 to discharge of a firearm into an occupied structure).

14 (3) An offense under subsection (a) constitutes a felony
15 of the third degree where the threat causes the occupants of
16 the building, place of assembly or facility of public
17 transportation to be diverted from their normal or customary
18 operations.

19 (e) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following
20 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this
21 subsection:

22 "Communicates." To convey in person or by written or
23 electronic means, including telephone, electronic mail,
24 Internet, facsimile, telex and similar transmissions.

25 "Public, private or parochial school." Any of the following:

26 (1) An elementary or secondary publicly-funded
27 educational institution.

28 (2) An elementary or secondary private school licensed
29 by the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

30 (3) An elementary or secondary parochial school.

1 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.