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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to increasing the criminal penalty for making a false report of a bomb threat involving certain locations.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1.  Section 42.06(b), Penal Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b)  An offense under this section is a Class A misdemeanor, except that the offense is:

(1)  a state jail felony if [~~unless~~] the false report is of an emergency involving a public or private institution of higher education or involving a public primary or secondary school, public communications, public transportation, public water, gas, or power supply or other public service; or

(2)  a felony of the third degree if the false report is of a bombing involving:

(A)  a public or private primary or secondary school;

(B)  a public or private institution of higher education;

(C)  a proprietary, vocational, or technical school; or

(D)  an established place of religious worship [~~, in which event the offense is a state jail felony~~].

SECTION 2.  The change in law made by this Act applies only to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act. An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the offense was committed, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For purposes of this section, an offense was committed before the effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurred before that date.

SECTION 3.  This Act takes effect on the 91st day after the last day of the legislative session.