

By: Representative Baker

To: Judiciary A

HOUSE BILL NO. 581

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-11-23, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO REVISE THE PENALTY FOR DISTURBANCE OF A SCHOOL SESSION OR
3 MEETING; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 37-11-23, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
6 amended as follows:

7 37-11-23. (1) If any person shall willfully disturb any
8 session of * * * a school or * * * a school meeting, such person
9 shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be
10 punished by a fine of not less than Ten Dollars (\$10.00) nor more
11 than Fifty Dollars (\$50.00).

12 (2) A person who, by any means, including social media,
13 threatens to commit a crime of violence or to cause bodily injury
14 to a superintendent, principal, teacher, student, staff or any
15 other employee of a school, which threat is intended to terrorize,
16 harm, intimidate, disrupt or disturb any session of the school or
17 any school meeting, is guilty of a felony punishable by



18 imprisonment in the custody of the Mississippi Department of
19 Corrections for not more than five (5) years.

20 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
21 and after July 1, 2019.

