



SENATE BILL 2434

By Crowe

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39 and Title 49, relative to unmanned aircraft over schools.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-903(a)(6), is amended by deleting "subdivision (a)(6)" in subdivisions (a)(6)(B) and (a)(6)(C) and substituting "subdivision (a)(7)".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-903(a), is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision (5) and renumbering the subsequent subdivisions:

(5) Knowingly uses an unmanned aircraft over the grounds of a school;

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-903, is amended by deleting subsection (b) and substituting:

(b)

(1) An offense under subdivisions (a)(1)-(6) is a Class C misdemeanor.

(2) An offense under subdivision (a)(7) is a Class E felony.

SECTION 4. This act takes effect July 1, 2026, the public welfare requiring it.

Amendment No. 1 to SB2434

Gardenhire
Signature of Sponsor

AMEND Senate Bill No. 2434

House Bill No. 2147*

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Farmer
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(A) A law enforcement officer acting within the scope of the law enforcement officer's lawful duties; or

(B) The operator of an unmanned aircraft that is being used for a commercial purpose if the operator is authorized by the federal aviation administration to conduct operations in that airspace;

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