

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

2022 REGULAR SESSION

Committee Substitute

for

Senate Bill 520

BY SENATORS BLAIR (MR. PRESIDENT) AND BALDWIN

(BY REQUEST OF THE EXECUTIVE)

[Originating in the Committee on the Judiciary;

reported on February 8, 2022]

1 A BILL to amend and reenact §61-3C-8 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating
2 to creating the felony offense of disrupting or degrading, causing the disruption or
3 degradation, or threatening the disruption or degradation of computer services of another
4 with the intent to obtain money or any other thing of value; and establishing criminal
5 penalties.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 3C. WEST VIRGINIA COMPUTER CRIME AND ABUSE ACT.

§61-3C-8. Disruption of computer services.

1 (a) Any person who knowingly, willfully, and without authorization, directly or indirectly,
2 disrupts or degrades, or causes the disruption or degradation of computer services, or denies or
3 causes the denial of computer services to an authorized recipient or user of such computer
4 services, ~~shall be~~ is guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not less
5 than \$200 nor more than \$1,000, or confined in the county jail not more than one year, or both.

1 (b) Any person who knowingly and willfully:

2 1) Disrupts or degrades;

3 2) Causes the disruption or degradation; or

4 3) Threatens to disrupt or degrade the computer services of an authorized recipient, user
5 or, provider of such services with the intent to obtain money or any other thing of value, is guilty
6 of a felony and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not more than \$1,000,000 or imprisoned
7 in a state correctional facility not more than 20 years, or both fined and imprisoned.