

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

**2022 REGULAR SESSION**

**ENROLLED**

**Committee Substitute**

**for**

**Senate Bill 520**

BY SENATORS BLAIR (MR. PRESIDENT) AND BALDWIN

(BY REQUEST OF THE EXECUTIVE)

[Passed March 04, 2022; in effect 90 days from passage]



1 AN ACT 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, is guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not less than  
5 \$200 nor more than \$1,000, or confined in the county jail not more than one year, or both.

6 (b) Any person who knowingly and willfully:

7 1) Disrupts or degrades;

8 2) Causes the disruption or degradation; or

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



The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

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*Chairman, Senate Committee*

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*Chairman, House Committee*

Originated in the Senate.

In effect 90 days from passage.

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*Clerk of the Senate*

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*Clerk of the House of Delegates*

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*President of the Senate*

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*Speaker of the House of Delegates*

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Day of ....., 2022.

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*Governor*