
DIGEST

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Thompson

SB No. 182

Proposed law prohibits any offender who is incarcerated and who is sentenced to the legal custody of DPS&C from establishing or maintaining an account on a social networking website. Defines "social networking website" as an Internet-based website that has any of the following capabilities:

- (1) Allows users to create web pages or profiles about themselves that are available to the general public or to any other users.
- (2) Offers a mechanism for communication among users, such as a forum, chat room, electronic mail, or instant messaging.

Proposed law provides penalties of a fine of not more than \$500, imprisonment of not more than 30 days, or both.

Effective August 15, 2011.

(Adds R.S. 14:405)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary B to the original bill.

1. Deletes provision that criminalizes the acts of other persons who establish a social networking website account for an offender.

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill.

1. Removes references to Facebook, Myspace, Classmates, and Twitter.
2. Defines "social networking website".

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice to the reengrossed bill.

1. Changed title in which the proposed law is located and made other technical changes.
2. Amended proposed law to apply only to those persons who are incarcerated and who are sentenced to the custody of DPS&C.