

New 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.

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

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