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ENROLLED, An Act,

To prohibit inmates from establishing or maintaining any Internet-based social networking website; and in connection therewith would have as its purpose or effect the requirement of a new or increased expenditure of local funds within the meaning of Amendment 621 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Section 111.05 of the Official Recompilation of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. (a) No inmate in the custody of the Department of Corrections or city and county jails shall establish or maintain an account on any Internet-based social networking website.

(b) For purposes of this act, social networking website means 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.

1           (c) Any inmate or other persons working in  
2 conjunction with a state correction's inmate who violates this  
3 section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine  
4 not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500).

5           Section 2. Although this bill would have as its  
6 purpose or effect the requirement of a new or increased  
7 expenditure of local funds, the bill is excluded from further  
8 requirements and application under Amendment 621, now  
9 appearing as Section 111.05 of the Official Recompilation of  
10 the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, because the  
11 bill defines a new crime or amends the definition of an  
12 existing crime.

13           Section 3. This act shall become effective on the  
14 first day of the third month following its passage and  
15 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

