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A Bill

SENATE BILL 214

5 By: Senator L. Chesterfield
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE CRIME OF CYBERBULLYING; AND
9 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

10 TO ESTABLISH THE CRIME OF CYBERBULLYING.
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13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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16 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 5, Chapter 71, Subchapter 2 is amended
17 to create a new section to read as follows:

18 5-71-217. Cyberbullying.

19 (a) As used in this section:

20 (1) "Communication" means the electronic communication of
21 information of a person's choosing between or among points specified by the
22 person without change in the form or content of the information as sent and
23 received; and

24 (2) "Electronic means" means any equipment dependent on
25 electrical power to access an information service, including without
26 limitation email, instant messaging, blogs, websites, telephones, and text
27 messages.

28 (b) A person commits the offense of cyberbullying if:

29 (1) He or she transmits a communication to another person using
30 electronic means with the purpose to coerce, intimidate, harass, or cause
31 substantial emotional distress to the other person; and

32 (2) The transmission was in furtherance of severe, repeated, and
33 hostile behavior towards the other person.

34 (c) Cyberbullying is a Class A misdemeanor.
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