

SENATE BILL 937

By Stanley

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39 and Title 40, relative to conditions of release or supervision for persons convicted of certain sex offenses.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-35-303, is amended by adding the following language as new subdivision (12) to subsection (d):

(12) Prohibiting the offender from accessing or using any Internet social networking web site that has the potential or likelihood of allowing the offender to have contact with a minor or requiring the offender to register any electronic mail address information, instant message, chat or other Internet communication name or identity information that the offender uses or intends to use while accessing the Internet. This subdivision (d)(2) only applies if the offender is on supervised probation for the commission of an offense that requires the offender to register as a sex offender or violent sex offender pursuant to title 40, chapter 39, part 2, and the victim of such offense was a minor.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-28-117, is amended by adding the following language to the end of subsection (a):

If the prisoner is being paroled for the commission of an offense that requires the offender to register as a sex offender or violent sex offender pursuant to title 40, chapter 39, part 2, and the victim of such offense was a minor, the board may prohibit the offender from accessing or using any Internet social networking website that has the potential or likelihood of allowing the offender to have contact with a minor or require the offender to register any electronic mail address information, instant message, chat or

other Internet communication name or identity information that the offender uses or intends to use while accessing the Internet.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-524, is amended by adding the following language to the end of the subdivision (d)(1):

As a condition of community supervision for life in cases in which the victim of the offense was a minor, the board may prohibit the offender from accessing or using any Internet social networking website that has the potential or likelihood of allowing the offender to have contact with a minor or require the offender to register any electronic mail address information, instant message, chat or other Internet communication name or identity information that the offender uses or intends to use while accessing the Internet.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009, the public welfare requiring it.