
DIGEST

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Thompson

HB No. 249

Abstract: Requires sex offenders and child predators to provide notification on certain networking websites of their status as sex offenders or child predators.

Present law provides that sex offenders and child predators are required to provide certain notifications to local law enforcement and the community.

Present law provides certain penalties for the failure to comply with sex offender registration and notification requirements.

Proposed law retains present law and adds notification on a networking website for any sex offender or child predator, who is otherwise not prohibited from accessing the networking website pursuant to present law, who creates a profile or who uses the functionality of the networking website to contact other networking website users to the list of present law notification requirements. Provides for the contents of proposed law notification.

Proposed law defines "networking website".

(Adds R.S. 15:542.1(D))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Added provision which states that the provisions of proposed law do not apply to an offender who is otherwise prohibited from accessing networking websites pursuant to present law.

House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill.

1. Clarified that the provisions of proposed law also apply to child predators who are required to register pursuant to present law.
2. Amended the definition of "networking website" to exclude certain commercial websites, news websites, and websites of governmental entities.