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HOUSE BILL NO. 834

Offered January 8, 2014

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A *BILL to amend and reenact § 18.2-152.7:1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to harassment by computer; bullying.*

Patrons—Kearm, Mason and Simon

Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 18.2-152.7:1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 18.2-152.7:1. Harassment by computer; penalty.

If any person, with the intent to coerce, intimidate, or harass any person, ~~shall use~~ *uses* a computer, *including an electronic communication device*, or computer network to (i) communicate obscene, vulgar, profane, lewd, lascivious, or indecent language, ~~or (ii)~~ make any suggestion or proposal of an obscene nature, ~~or (iii)~~ threaten any illegal or immoral act, *or (iv) engage in bullying, as defined in § 22.1-276.01*, he ~~shall be~~ *is* guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

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