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**SENATE BILL NO. 486**

Offered January 11, 2012

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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 by prisoners; penalty.*

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Patron—Newman

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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.

A. If any person, with the intent to coerce, intimidate, or harass any person, shall use a computer or computer network to communicate obscene, vulgar, profane, lewd, lascivious, or indecent language, or make any suggestion or proposal of an obscene nature, or threaten any illegal or immoral act, he shall be guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

B. If an individual incarcerated in a state correctional facility as defined in § 53.1-1 or a person acting on behalf of an individual incarcerated in a state correctional facility utilizes a computer, computer network, or social networking site to harass, intimidate, or threaten a victim as defined in § 19.2-11.01, he is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

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