

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1013

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For An Act To Be Entitled

11 AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PENALTY CLASSIFICATION OF
12 THE OFFENSES OF INDECENT EXPOSURE AND INTERNET
13 STALKING OF A CHILD UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES;
14 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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17 CLASSIFICATION OF THE OFFENSES OF
18 INDECENT EXPOSURE AND INTERNET STALKING
19 OF A CHILD UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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25 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 5-14-112 is amended to read as follows:

26 5-14-112. Indecent exposure.

27 (a) A person commits indecent exposure if, with the purpose to arouse
28 or gratify a sexual desire of himself or herself or of any other person, the
29 person exposes his or her sex organs:

30 (1) In a public place or in public view; or

31 (2) Under circumstances in which the person knows the conduct is
32 likely to cause affront or alarm.

33 (b)(1) ~~Indecent~~ Except as provided in subdivisions (b)(2) and (b)(3)
34 of this section, indecent exposure is a Class A misdemeanor.

35 (2) For a fourth or fifth conviction within ten (10) years of a
36 previous conviction, indecent exposure is a Class D felony.



1 (3) For a sixth conviction and each successive conviction within
2 ten (10) years of a previous conviction, indecent exposure is a Class C
3 felony.

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5 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 5-27-306 is amended to read as follows:

6 5-27-306. Internet stalking of a child.

7 (a) A person commits the offense of internet stalking of a child if
8 the person being twenty-one (21) years of age or older knowingly uses a
9 computer online service, internet service, or local internet bulletin board
10 service to:

11 (1) Seduce, solicit, lure, or entice a child fifteen (15) years
12 of age or younger in an effort to arrange a meeting with the child for the
13 purpose of engaging in:

14 (A) Sexual intercourse;

15 (B) Sexually explicit conduct; or

16 (C) Deviate sexual activity as defined in § 5-14-101;

17 (2) Seduce, solicit, lure, or entice an individual that the
18 person believes to be fifteen (15) years of age or younger in an effort to
19 arrange a meeting with the individual for the purpose of engaging in:

20 (A) Sexual intercourse;

21 (B) Sexually explicit conduct; or

22 (C) Deviate sexual activity as defined in § 5-14-101;

23 (3) Compile, transmit, publish, reproduce, buy, sell, receive,
24 exchange, or disseminate the name, telephone number, electronic mail address,
25 residence address, picture, physical description, characteristics, or any
26 other identifying information on a child fifteen (15) years of age or younger
27 in furtherance of an effort to arrange a meeting with the child for the
28 purpose of engaging in:

29 (A) Sexual intercourse;

30 (B) Sexually explicit conduct; or

31 (C) Deviate sexual activity as defined in § 5-14-101; or

32 (4) Compile, transmit, publish, reproduce, buy, sell, receive,
33 exchange, or disseminate the name, telephone number, electronic mail address,
34 residence address, picture, physical description, characteristics, or any
35 other identifying information on an individual that the person believes to be
36 fifteen (15) years of age or younger in furtherance of an effort to arrange a

1 meeting with the individual for the purpose of engaging in:

2 (A) Sexual intercourse;

3 (B) Sexually explicit conduct; or

4 (C) Deviate sexual activity as defined in § 5-14-101;

5 (b) Internet stalking of a child is a:

6 (1) Class C B felony if the person attempts to arrange a meeting
7 with a child fifteen (15) years of age or younger, even if a meeting with the
8 child never takes place; or

9 (2) Class C B felony if the person attempts to arrange a meeting
10 with an individual that the person believes to be fifteen (15) years of age
11 or younger, even if a meeting with the individual never takes place; or

12 (3) Class A felony if the person arranges a meeting with a
13 child fifteen (15) years of age or younger and an actual meeting with the
14 child takes place, even if the person fails to engage the child in any sexual
15 activity.

16 (c) This section does not apply to a person or entity providing an
17 electronic communications service to the public that is used by another
18 person to violate this section, unless the person or entity providing an
19 electronic communications service to the public:

20 (1) Conspires with another person to violate this section; or

21 (2) Knowingly aids and abets a violation of this section.

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23 SECTION 3. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
24 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that the current penalty
25 classification for the offense of indecent exposure is not adequate to
26 protect the children in this state from repeat offenders; that the Internet
27 is being used as a tool by people that are attempting to sexually victimize
28 children in the State of Arkansas; that the current penalty classification
29 for the offense of internet stalking of a child in certain situations is not
30 adequate to protect the children in this state; and that this act is
31 immediately necessary because of the public risk posed by sexual predators.
32 Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist and this act being immediately
33 necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall
34 become effective on:

35 (1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

36 (2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor,

1 the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the
2 bill; or

3 (3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is
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