

HB 1545 -- UNLAWFUL INTERNET COMMUNICATION WITH A MINOR

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This bill creates the offense of unlawful Internet communication with a minor, a class A misdemeanor, which includes certain specified sex offenses including a person who violates a condition of probation, parole, or supervised release that prohibits the person from using a social networking website or instant messaging or chat room program to communicate with a child under the age of 16. Any subsequent offense is a class D felony. It is a defense to prosecution that the person reasonably believed the child was 16 years of age or older.

This bill defines "instant messaging or chat room program" and "social networking website."