

**CHAPTER 99****( HB 162 )**

AN ACT relating to harassing communications.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

→Section 1. KRS 525.080 is amended to read as follows:

- (1) A person is guilty of harassing communications when, with intent to intimidate, harass, annoy, or alarm another person, he or she:
  - (a) Communicates with a person, anonymously or otherwise, by telephone, telegraph, mail, or any other form of *electronic or* written communication in a manner which causes annoyance or alarm and serves no purpose of legitimate communication;
  - (b) Makes a telephone call, whether or not conversation ensues, with no purpose of legitimate communication; or
  - (c) Communicates, while enrolled as a student in a local school district, with or about another school student, anonymously or otherwise, by telephone, the Internet, telegraph, mail, or any other form of electronic or written communication in a manner which a reasonable person under the circumstances should know would cause the other student to suffer fear of physical harm, intimidation, humiliation, or embarrassment and which serves no purpose of legitimate communication.
- (2) Harassing communications is a Class B misdemeanor.

**Signed by Governor April 13, 2016.**