

1 AN ACT relating to harassing communications.

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

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

4 (1) A person is guilty of harassing communications when~~[, with intent to intimidate,~~  
5 ~~harass, annoy, or alarm another person,]~~ he or she:

6 (a) ***Sends repeated electronic or telephonic communications in a manner that is***  
7 ***reasonably likely to harass, annoy, alarm, torment, embarrass, or offend***  
8 ***another and serves no purpose of legitimate communication***~~[Communicates~~  
9 ~~with a person, anonymously or otherwise, by telephone, telegraph, mail, or~~  
10 ~~any other form of electronic or written communication in a manner which~~  
11 ~~causes annoyance or alarm and serves no purpose of legitimate~~  
12 ~~communication];~~

13 (b) ***Publishes to social media or any internet website repeated electronic or***  
14 ***telephonic communications in a manner that is reasonably likely to cause***  
15 ***emotional distress, abuse, or torment to another person and serves no***  
16 ***purpose of legitimate communication***~~[Makes a telephone call, whether or not~~  
17 ~~conversation ensues, with no purpose of legitimate communication]; or~~

18 (c) Communicates, while enrolled as a student in a local school district, with or  
19 about another school student, anonymously or otherwise, by telephone, the  
20 internet, telegraph, mail, or any other form of electronic or written  
21 communication in a manner which a reasonable person under the  
22 circumstances should know would cause the other student to suffer fear of  
23 physical harm, intimidation, humiliation, or embarrassment and which serves  
24 no purpose of legitimate communication.

25 (2) Harassing communications is a Class ~~A~~<sup>B</sup> misdemeanor.