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1 AN ACT Relating to stalking; amending RCW 9A.46.110 and 13.40.020;
2 and reenacting and amending RCW 9A.46.060.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 9A.46.110 and 1992 c 186 s 1 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) A person commits the crime of stalking if, without lawful
7 authority and under circumstances not amounting to a felony attempt of
8 another crime:

9 (a) He or she intentionally and repeatedly harasses or repeatedly
10 follows another person (~~((to that person's home, school, place of~~
11 ~~employment, business, or any other location, or follows the person~~
12 ~~while the person is in transit between locations))~~); and

13 (b) The person being harassed or followed is intimidated, harassed,
14 or placed in fear that the stalker intends to injure the person,
15 another person, or property of the person (~~((being followed))~~) or of
16 another person. The feeling of fear, intimidation, or harassment must
17 be one that a reasonable person in the same situation would experience
18 under all the circumstances; and

19 (c) The stalker either:

1 (i) Intends to frighten, intimidate, or harass the person ((being
2 followed)); or

3 (ii) Knows or reasonably should know that the person ((being
4 followed)) is afraid, intimidated, or harassed even if the stalker did
5 not intend to place the person in fear or intimidate or harass the
6 person.

7 (2)(a) It is not a defense to the crime of stalking under
8 subsection (1)(c)(i) of this section that the stalker was not given
9 actual notice that the person ((being followed)) did not want the
10 stalker to contact or follow the person; and

11 (b) It is not a defense to the crime of stalking under subsection
12 (1)(c)(ii) of this section that the stalker did not intend to frighten,
13 intimidate, or harass the person ((being followed)).

14 (3) It shall be a defense to the crime of stalking that the
15 defendant is a licensed private detective acting within the capacity of
16 his or her license as provided by chapter 18.165 RCW.

17 (4) Attempts to contact or follow the person after being given
18 actual notice that the person does not want to be contacted or followed
19 constitutes prima facie evidence that the stalker intends to intimidate
20 or harass the person.

21 (5) A person who stalks another person is guilty of a gross
22 misdemeanor except that the person is guilty of a class C felony if any
23 of the following applies: (a) The stalker has previously been
24 convicted in this state or any other state of any crime of harassment,
25 as defined in RCW 9A.46.060, of the same victim or members of the
26 victim's family or household or any person specifically named in a
27 ((no contact order or no harassment)) protective order; (b) the
28 ((person)) stalking violates ((a court)) any protective order ((issued
29 pursuant to RCW 9A.46.040)) protecting the person being stalked; ((or))
30 (c) the stalker has previously been convicted of a gross misdemeanor or
31 felony stalking offense under this section for stalking another person;
32 (d) the stalker was armed with a deadly weapon, as defined in RCW
33 9.94A.125, while stalking the person; or (e) the stalker's victim is or
34 was a law enforcement officer, judge, juror, attorney, or community
35 correction's officer, or is a current, former, or prospective witness
36 in an adjudicative proceeding, and the stalker stalked the victim to
37 retaliate against the victim for an act the victim performed during the
38 course of official duties or to influence the victim's performance of
39 official duties.

1 (6) As used in this section:

2 (a) "Follows" means maintaining visual or physical proximity to a
3 specific person over a period of time. A finding that the alleged
4 stalker repeatedly appears at the person's home, school, place of
5 employment, business, or any other location to maintain visual or
6 physical proximity to the person is sufficient to find that the alleged
7 stalker follows the person. It is not necessary to establish that the
8 alleged stalker follows the person while in transit from one location
9 to another.

10 (b) "Harasses" means unlawful harassment as defined in RCW
11 10.14.020.

12 (c) "Protective order" means any temporary or permanent court order
13 prohibiting or limiting violence against, harassment of, contact or
14 communication with, or physical proximity to another person.

15 (d) "Repeatedly" means on two or more separate occasions.

16 **Sec. 2.** RCW 9A.46.060 and 1992 c 186 s 4 and 1992 c 145 s 12 are
17 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

18 As used in this chapter, "harassment" may include but is not
19 limited to any of the following crimes:

- 20 (1) Harassment (RCW 9A.46.020);
- 21 (2) Malicious harassment (RCW 9A.36.080);
- 22 (3) Telephone harassment (RCW 9.61.230);
- 23 (4) Assault in the first degree (RCW 9A.36.011);
- 24 (5) Assault of a child in the first degree (RCW 9A.36.120);
- 25 (6) Assault in the second degree (RCW 9A.36.021);
- 26 (7) Assault of a child in the second degree (RCW 9A.36.130);
- 27 (8) Assault in the fourth degree (RCW 9A.36.041);
- 28 (9) Reckless endangerment in the second degree (RCW 9A.36.050);
- 29 (10) Extortion in the first degree (RCW 9A.56.120);
- 30 (11) Extortion in the second degree (RCW 9A.56.130);
- 31 (12) Coercion (RCW 9A.36.070);
- 32 (13) Burglary in the first degree (RCW 9A.52.020);
- 33 (14) Burglary in the second degree (RCW 9A.52.030);
- 34 (15) Criminal trespass in the first degree (RCW 9A.52.070);
- 35 (16) Criminal trespass in the second degree (RCW 9A.52.080);
- 36 (17) Malicious mischief in the first degree (RCW 9A.48.070);
- 37 (18) Malicious mischief in the second degree (RCW 9A.48.080);
- 38 (19) Malicious mischief in the third degree (RCW 9A.48.090);

1 (20) Kidnapping in the first degree (RCW 9A.40.020);
2 (21) Kidnapping in the second degree (RCW 9A.40.030);
3 (22) Unlawful imprisonment (RCW 9A.40.040);
4 (23) Rape in the first degree (RCW 9A.44.040);
5 (24) Rape in the second degree (RCW 9A.44.050);
6 (25) Rape in the third degree (RCW 9A.44.060);
7 (26) Indecent liberties (RCW 9A.44.100);
8 (27) Rape of a child in the first degree (RCW 9A.44.073);
9 (28) Rape of a child in the second degree (RCW 9A.44.076);
10 (29) Rape of a child in the third degree (RCW 9A.44.079);
11 (30) Child molestation in the first degree (RCW 9A.44.083);
12 (31) Child molestation in the second degree (RCW 9A.44.086);
13 (32) Child molestation in the third degree (RCW 9A.44.089); ((and))
14 (33) Stalking (RCW 9A.46.110); and
15 (34) Violation of a temporary or permanent protective order issued
16 pursuant to chapter 9A.46, 10.14, 10.99, 26.09, or 26.50 RCW.

17 **Sec. 3.** RCW 13.40.020 and 1993 c 373 s 1 are each amended to read
18 as follows:

19 For the purposes of this chapter:

20 (1) "Serious offender" means a person fifteen years of age or older
21 who has committed an offense which if committed by an adult would be:

22 (a) A class A felony, or an attempt to commit a class A felony;

23 (b) Manslaughter in the first degree; or

24 (c) Assault in the second degree, extortion in the first degree,
25 child molestation in the second degree, kidnapping in the second
26 degree, robbery in the second degree, residential burglary, or burglary
27 in the second degree, where such offenses include the infliction of
28 bodily harm upon another or where during the commission of or immediate
29 withdrawal from such an offense the perpetrator is armed with a deadly
30 weapon or firearm as defined in RCW 9A.04.110;

31 (2) "Community service" means compulsory service, without
32 compensation, performed for the benefit of the community by the
33 offender as punishment for committing an offense. Community service
34 may be performed through public or private organizations or through
35 work crews;

36 (3) "Community supervision" means an order of disposition by the
37 court of an adjudicated youth not committed to the department. A
38 community supervision order for a single offense may be for a period of

1 up to two years for a sex offense as defined by RCW 9.94A.030 and up to
2 one year for other offenses. Community supervision is an
3 individualized program comprised of one or more of the following:

4 (a) Community-based sanctions;

5 (b) Community-based rehabilitation;

6 (c) Monitoring and reporting requirements;

7 (4) Community-based sanctions may include one or more of the
8 following:

9 (a) A fine, not to exceed one hundred dollars;

10 (b) Community service not to exceed one hundred fifty hours of
11 service;

12 (5) "Community-based rehabilitation" means one or more of the
13 following: Attendance of information classes; counseling, outpatient
14 substance abuse treatment programs, outpatient mental health programs,
15 anger management classes, or other services; or attendance at school or
16 other educational programs appropriate for the juvenile as determined
17 by the school district. Placement in community-based rehabilitation
18 programs is subject to available funds;

19 (6) "Monitoring and reporting requirements" means one or more of
20 the following: Curfews; requirements to remain at home, school, work,
21 or court-ordered treatment programs during specified hours;
22 restrictions from leaving or entering specified geographical areas;
23 requirements to report to the probation officer as directed and to
24 remain under the probation officer's supervision; and other conditions
25 or limitations as the court may require which may not include
26 confinement;

27 (7) "Confinement" means physical custody by the department of
28 social and health services in a facility operated by or pursuant to a
29 contract with the state, or physical custody in a detention facility
30 operated by or pursuant to a contract with any county. The county may
31 operate or contract with vendors to operate county detention
32 facilities. The department may operate or contract to operate
33 detention facilities for juveniles committed to the department.
34 Pretrial confinement or confinement of less than thirty-one days
35 imposed as part of a disposition or modification order may be served
36 consecutively or intermittently, in the discretion of the court and may
37 be served in a detention group home, detention foster home, or with
38 electronic monitoring. Detention group homes and detention foster
39 homes used for confinement shall not also be used for the placement of

1 dependent children. Confinement in detention group homes and detention
2 foster homes and electronic monitoring are subject to available funds;

3 (8) "Court", when used without further qualification, means the
4 juvenile court judge(s) or commissioner(s);

5 (9) "Criminal history" includes all criminal complaints against the
6 respondent for which, prior to the commission of a current offense:

7 (a) The allegations were found correct by a court. If a respondent
8 is convicted of two or more charges arising out of the same course of
9 conduct, only the highest charge from among these shall count as an
10 offense for the purposes of this chapter; or

11 (b) The criminal complaint was diverted by a prosecutor pursuant to
12 the provisions of this chapter on agreement of the respondent and after
13 an advisement to the respondent that the criminal complaint would be
14 considered as part of the respondent's criminal history;

15 (10) "Department" means the department of social and health
16 services;

17 (11) "Detention facility" means a county facility for the physical
18 confinement of a juvenile alleged to have committed an offense or an
19 adjudicated offender subject to a disposition or modification order;

20 (12) "Diversion unit" means any probation counselor who enters into
21 a diversion agreement with an alleged youthful offender, or any other
22 person or entity except a law enforcement official or entity, with whom
23 the juvenile court administrator has contracted to arrange and
24 supervise such agreements pursuant to RCW 13.40.080, or any person or
25 entity specially funded by the legislature to arrange and supervise
26 diversion agreements in accordance with the requirements of this
27 chapter;

28 (13) "Institution" means a juvenile facility established pursuant
29 to chapters 72.05 and 72.16 through 72.20 RCW;

30 (14) "Juvenile," "youth," and "child" mean any individual who is
31 under the chronological age of eighteen years and who has not been
32 previously transferred to adult court;

33 (15) "Juvenile offender" means any juvenile who has been found by
34 the juvenile court to have committed an offense, including a person
35 eighteen years of age or older over whom jurisdiction has been extended
36 under RCW 13.40.300;

37 (16) "Manifest injustice" means a disposition that would either
38 impose an excessive penalty on the juvenile or would impose a serious,
39 and clear danger to society in light of the purposes of this chapter;

1 (17) "Middle offender" means a person who has committed an offense
2 and who is neither a minor or first offender nor a serious offender;

3 (18) "Minor or first offender" means a person sixteen years of age
4 or younger whose current offense(s) and criminal history fall entirely
5 within one of the following categories:

6 (a) Four misdemeanors;

7 (b) Two misdemeanors and one gross misdemeanor;

8 (c) One misdemeanor and two gross misdemeanors;

9 (d) Three gross misdemeanors;

10 (e) One class C felony except: (i)(A) Manslaughter in the second
11 degree; or (B) felony stalking; and (ii) one misdemeanor or gross
12 misdemeanor;

13 (f) One class B felony except: Any felony which constitutes an
14 attempt to commit a class A felony; manslaughter in the first degree;
15 assault in the second degree; extortion in the first degree; indecent
16 liberties; kidnapping in the second degree; robbery in the second
17 degree; burglary in the second degree; residential burglary; vehicular
18 homicide; or arson in the second degree.

19 For purposes of this definition, current violations shall be
20 counted as misdemeanors;

21 (19) "Offense" means an act designated a violation or a crime if
22 committed by an adult under the law of this state, under any ordinance
23 of any city or county of this state, under any federal law, or under
24 the law of another state if the act occurred in that state;

25 (20) "Respondent" means a juvenile who is alleged or proven to have
26 committed an offense;

27 (21) "Restitution" means financial reimbursement by the offender to
28 the victim, and shall be limited to easily ascertainable damages for
29 injury to or loss of property, actual expenses incurred for medical
30 treatment for physical injury to persons, lost wages resulting from
31 physical injury, and costs of the victim's counseling reasonably
32 related to the offense if the offense is a sex offense. Restitution
33 shall not include reimbursement for damages for mental anguish, pain
34 and suffering, or other intangible losses. Nothing in this chapter
35 shall limit or replace civil remedies or defenses available to the
36 victim or offender;

37 (22) "Secretary" means the secretary of the department of social
38 and health services;

1 (23) "Services" mean services which provide alternatives to
2 incarceration for those juveniles who have pleaded or been adjudicated
3 guilty of an offense or have signed a diversion agreement pursuant to
4 this chapter;

5 (24) "Sex offense" means an offense defined as a sex offense in RCW
6 9.94A.030;

7 (25) "Sexual motivation" means that one of the purposes for which
8 the respondent committed the offense was for the purpose of his or her
9 sexual gratification;

10 (26) "Foster care" means temporary physical care in a foster family
11 home or group care facility as defined in RCW 74.15.020 and licensed by
12 the department, or other legally authorized care;

13 (27) "Violation" means an act or omission, which if committed by an
14 adult, must be proven beyond a reasonable doubt, and is punishable by
15 sanctions which do not include incarceration.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** If any provision of this act or its
17 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the
18 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other
19 persons or circumstances is not affected.

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