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1 AN ACT Relating to invading the privacy of criminal justice
2 workers; adding a new section to chapter 9A.46 RCW; and prescribing
3 penalties.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 9A.46 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) A person is guilty of invading the privacy of a criminal
8 justice worker if the person, without the criminal justice worker's
9 permission, publicizes personal information about (a) an active or
10 former criminal justice worker with whom the person has had contact
11 within the scope of the criminal justice worker's employment or (b) the
12 spouse or child of such a criminal justice worker.

13 (2) Invading the privacy of a criminal justice worker is a gross
14 misdemeanor.

15 (3) As used in this section:

16 (a) "Criminal justice worker" includes state and local law
17 enforcement personnel, correctional officers, correctional probation
18 officers, personnel of the department of social and health services
19 whose duties include the investigation of abuse, neglect, exploitation,

1 fraud, theft, or other criminal activities, and personnel of the
2 department of revenue or local governments whose responsibilities
3 include revenue collection and enforcement or child support
4 enforcement;

5 (b) "Personal information" includes home addresses, telephone
6 numbers, social security numbers, and photographs. For children and
7 spouses of criminal justice workers, it also includes places of
8 employment. For children of criminal justice workers, it also includes
9 names and locations of schools and day care facilities attended.

10 (c) "Publicize" means the communication or dissemination of
11 information to any one or more persons (i) orally, in person, or by
12 telephone, radio, or television; (ii) in a writing of any kind,
13 including without limitation a letter or memorandum, circular, poster,
14 handbill, newspaper or magazine article, or book; or (iii)
15 electronically, including by the use of recordings, computer networks,
16 bulletin boards, or other means of electronic storage and retrieval.

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