

**HB 1206-S2.E - DIGEST**

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Makes harassment against criminal justice participants a crime under certain circumstances.

Authorizes a criminal justice participant, who is a target for threats or harassment prohibited under the act, and any family member residing with the criminal justice participant to apply to the secretary of state to have an address designated by the secretary of state serve as the person's address or the address of the minor or incapacitated person.

VETO MESSAGE ON E2SHB 1206

April 13, 2011

To the Honorable Speaker and Members,  
The House of Representatives of the State of Washington

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have approved, except for Section 3 and Section 4, Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill No. 1206 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to harassment against criminal justice participants."

Section 3 directs the sentencing guidelines commission to report to the appropriate committees of the legislature by December 1, 2011, and annually thereafter, the number of prosecutions for criminal harassment of a criminal justice participant. Several bills now before the legislature either eliminate the sentencing guidelines commission or eliminate it as a regularly standing commission. The data identified in this section will be retained by a yet to be identified agency. Therefore, I am vetoing Section 3 and the appropriate committees of the legislature may request the data from the appropriate agency.

Section 4 causes the act to expire July 1, 2018. I believe the legislature should monitor the impact of the act and affirmatively take action to amend or repeal particular aspects of the act at a future date, if needed. Therefore, I am vetoing Section 4.

For these reasons, I have vetoed Section 3 and Section 4 of Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill No. 1206.

With the exception of Section 3 and Section 4, Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill No. 1206 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Gregoire  
Governor