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SENATE BILL No. 140

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DIGEST OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Identification. Removes coworkers from the definition of "person closely connected to the targeted person", and specifies that "personal information" includes an individual's name.

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning criminal law and procedure.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 35-45-2.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2026]:

4 **Chapter 2.5. Doxxing**

5 **Sec. 1. The definitions set forth in sections 2 through 7 of this**
6 **chapter apply throughout this chapter.**

7 **Sec. 2. "Person closely connected to the targeted person"**
8 **refers to any of the following:**

- 9 **(1) The spouse of the targeted person.**
- 10 **(2) A child, including a stepchild, of the targeted person.**
- 11 **(3) A parent or stepparent of the targeted person.**
- 12 **(4) A sibling of the targeted person.**
- 13 **(5) A grandparent of the targeted person.**
- 14 **(6) A person living in the same household as the targeted**
15 **person.**
- 16 **(7) A person involved in a dating relationship with the**
17 **targeted person.**

18 **← (8) A coworker of the targeted person.**

19 **> Sec. 3. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), "personal**
20 **information" refers to information or a combination of**

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1 information, regardless of whether the information is publicly
 2 available, that consists of ~~an individual's name and~~ one (1) or
 3 more of the following:

4 1 **(1) The individual's name.**
 5 1 ~~(2)~~ The individual's Social Security number.
 6 1 ~~(3)~~ The address of the individual's residence or any
 7 other real property owned by the individual.
 8 1 ~~(4)~~ A legal name previously used by the individual.
 9 1 ~~(5)~~ The individual's telephone number.
 10 1 ~~(6)~~ The name or address of the individual's employer.
 11 1 ~~(7)~~ The name or address of a location that the
 12 individual:
 13 (A) has frequently visited in the past; and
 14 (B) is likely to visit in the future.~~1~~

15 ~~1~~ (b) The term does not include the address of real property
 16 provided on a real estate or mapping platform if the address is not
 17 displayed or disclosed in connection with any information
 18 identifying the owner or occupant of the real property.

19 Sec. 4. "Post" means to deliver, disseminate, or transmit
 20 information, regardless of whether the information transmitted is
 21 an audio file, a video, an image, or in a text format, to more than
 22 one (1) person through a social media platform, electronic mail, or
 23 another form of electronic communication.

24 Sec. 5. "Social media platform" means a website or application
 25 that:

26 (1) is open to the public;
 27 (2) allows users to create accounts;
 28 (3) enables users to communicate or interact with other
 29 users;
 30 (4) permits users to create or post content, messages,
 31 information, or images that are viewable by other users; and
 32 (5) permits users to comment on or message other users
 33 regarding such content, messages, information, or images.

34 Sec. 6. "Targeted person" refers to an individual whom
 35 another person intends to threaten through the disclosure of
 36 personal information belonging to the individual or to a person
 37 closely connected to that individual.

38 Sec. 7. "Threat" has the meaning set forth in IC 35-45-2-1.

39 Sec. 8. Except as provided in section 9 of this chapter, a person
 40 who knowingly or intentionally posts personal information of a
 41 targeted person, or of a person closely connected to the targeted
 42 person, to communicate a threat to the targeted person in



1 **retaliation for a prior lawful act commits doxxing, a Class A**
2 **misdemeanor. However, the offense is a:**

3 **(1) Level 6 felony if the posting of the personal information**
4 **results in the targeted person, or a person closely connected**
5 **to the targeted person, suffering a serious bodily injury; or**
6 **(2) Level 5 felony if the posting of the personal information**
7 **results in the targeted person, or a person closely connected**
8 **to the targeted person, suffering a catastrophic injury or**
9 **death.**

10 **Sec. 9. The following are not prohibited by this chapter:**

11 **(1) Providing another person's personal information to:**
12 **(A) a local, state, or federal law enforcement agency;**
13 **(B) the department of child services; or**
14 **(C) a prosecuting attorney, a United States attorney, or**
15 **the attorney general;**

16 **in reporting activity that the person making the report**
17 **reasonably and in good faith believes may be a crime under**
18 **state or federal law.**

19 **(2) Disseminating another person's personal information in**
20 **publicizing or alleging that the other person has engaged in**
21 **conduct that the person making the report reasonably and in**
22 **good faith believes is unlawful.**

23 **(3) Providing another person's personal information while**
24 **engaging in lawful and constitutionally protected activity as**
25 **it pertains to speech, assembly, and petition.**

26 **Sec. 10. This chapter may not be construed to prevent,**
27 **prohibit, limit, or restrict the freedom of expression protected by**
28 **the Constitution of the State of Indiana or the Constitution of the**
29 **United States.¹**

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