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# SENATE BILL No. 140

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## DIGEST OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Intimidation. Amends the definition of "threat" in the intimidation statute to include posting a person's personal information on a social media platform with the intent to cause: (1) bodily injury to the person; (2) damage to the person's property; or (3) the commission of a crime against the person. Deletes the separate doxxing statute.

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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~~ [IC 35-31.5-2-234].5 IS ADDED TO  
2 THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW ~~CHAPTER~~ SECTION TO  
3 READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]:  
4 **Chapter 2.5. Doxxing**  
5 ~~Sec. 1. The definitions set forth in sections 2 through 4 of this chapter apply throughout this chapter.~~  
6 ~~Sec. 2. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), "personal~~ [Sec. 234.5. "Personal" information" ~~refers to~~ means information or a combination of 1 1 information, regardless of whether the information is publicly available, that consists of one (1) or more of the following:  
7 ~~(1) The individual's name.~~  
8 ~~(2) The individual's Social Security number.~~  
9 ~~(3) The address of the individual's residence or any other real property owned by the individual.~~  
10 ~~(4) A legal name previously used by the individual.~~  
11 ~~(5) The individual's telephone number.~~  
12 ~~(6) The name or address of the individual's employer.~~

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(7) The name or address of a location that the individual:

- has frequently visited in the past; and
- is likely to visit in the future.

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

~~← See. 3. → I SECTION 2. IC 35-31.5-2-239.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 239.5. ]~~ "Post" means to deliver, disseminate, or transmit information, regardless of whether the information transmitted is an audio file, a video, an image, or in a text format, to more than one (1) person through a social media platform.I

~~[SECTION 3. IC 35-31.5-2-306.8 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: ]~~ Sec. ~~←→ 306.8~~. "Social media platform" means a website or application that:

- is open to the public;
- allows users to create accounts;
- enables users to communicate or interact with other users;
- permits users to create or post content, messages, information, or images that are viewable by other users; and
- permits users to comment on or message other users regarding such content, messages, information, or images.

~~← See. 5 → [SECTION 4. IC 35-45-2-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.5-2022, SECTION 6, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1]. (a) A person who~~

~~(1) → [communicates a threat with the intent:~~

- ~~that another person engage in conduct against the other person's will;~~
- ~~that another person be placed in fear of retaliation for a prior lawful act;~~
- ~~of:~~

~~(A) causing:~~

- ~~a dwelling, a building, or other structure; or~~
- ~~a vehicle;~~

~~to be evacuated; or~~

~~(B) interfering with the occupancy of:~~

- ~~a dwelling, building, or other structure; or~~
- ~~a vehicle; or~~

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(4) that another person be placed in fear that the threat will be carried out, if the threat is a threat described in:

(A) subsection (e)(1) through (e)(5); (c)(1)(A) through (c)(1)(E); or

(B) subsection (c)(7) through (c)(8); (c)(1)(G) through (c)(1)(H);

commits intimidation, a Class A misdemeanor.

(b) However, the offense is a:

(1) Level 6 felony if:

(A) the threat is to commit a forcible felony;

(B) the subject of the threat or the person to whom the threat is communicated is a witness (or the spouse or child of a witness) in any pending criminal proceeding against the person making the threat;

(C) the threat is communicated because of the occupation, profession, employment status, or ownership status of a person or the threat relates to or is made in connection with the occupation, profession, employment status, or ownership status of a person;

(D) the person has a prior unrelated conviction for an offense under this section concerning the same victim; or  
(E) the threat is communicated using property, including electronic equipment or systems, of a school corporation or other governmental entity; and

(2) Level 5 felony if:

(A) while committing it, the person draws or uses a deadly weapon;

(B) the subject of the threat or the person to whom the threat is communicated;

(i) is a judicial officer or bailiff of any court; or  
(ii) is a prosecuting attorney or a deputy prosecuting  
attorney;

and the threat relates to the person's status as a judicial officer, bailiff, prosecuting attorney, or deputy prosecuting attorney, or is made in connection with the official duties of the judicial officer, bailiff, prosecuting attorney, or deputy prosecuting attorney; or

(C) the threat is:

(i) to commit terrorism; or

(ii) made in furtherance of an act of terrorism.

(c) "Threat" means:

(1) an expression, by words or action, of an intention to:

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1                   (1) (A) unlawfully injure the person threatened or another  
 2                   person, or damage property;  
 3                   (2) (B) unlawfully subject a person to physical confinement  
 4                   or restraint;  
 5                   (3) (C) commit a crime;  
 6                   (4) (D) unlawfully withhold official action, or cause such  
 7                   withholding;  
 8                   (5) (E) unlawfully withhold testimony or information with  
 9                   respect to another person's legal claim or defense, except for  
 10                   a reasonable claim for witness fees or expenses;  
 11                   (6) (F) expose the person threatened to hatred, contempt,  
 12                   disgrace, or ridicule;  
 13                   (7) (G) falsely harm the credit or business reputation of a  
 14                   person; or  
 15                   (8) (H) cause the evacuation of a dwelling, a building,  
 16                   another structure, or a vehicle. For purposes of this  
 17                   subdivision, the term includes an expression that would  
 18                   cause a reasonable person to consider the evacuation of a  
 19                   dwelling, a building, another structure, or a vehicle, even if  
 20                   the dwelling, building, structure, or vehicle is not  
 21                   evacuated; or  
 22                   (2) posting personal information of a person ] with the intent  
 23                   <to place an individual in fear of bodily injury or damage to  
 24                   the individual's property; or  
 25                   (2) with the intent to aid, induce, or cause another person to:  
 26                   (A) cause>[that the posting of the personal information  
 27                   will result in:  
 28                   (A)] bodily injury to the <individual>[person];  
 29                   (B) damage [to ]the <individual's>[person's] property;  
 30                   or  
 31                   (C) <commit>[the commission of] a crime against the  
 32                   <individual>;  
 33                   posts personal information of the individual commits doxxing, a  
 34                   Class A misdemeanor, except as provided in subsection (b);  
 35                   (b) An offense under subsection (a) is a:  
 36                   (1) Level 6 felony if the posting of the personal information  
 37                   results in the individual suffering serious bodily injury; and  
 38                   (2) Level 5 felony if the posting of the personal information  
 39                   results in the individual suffering a catastrophic injury or  
 40                   death>[person].

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