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SYNOPSIS

Makes publishing on Internet home address or unpublished telephone number of judges, prosecutors and certain court personnel a crime of the fourth degree under certain circumstances.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.

AN ACT concerning criminal misuse of certain information regarding judges, prosecutors and certain court personnel and supplementing Title 2C of the New Jersey Statutes.

BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

1. A person shall not knowingly, with purpose to expose another to harassment or risk of harm to life or property, or in reckless disregard of the probability of such exposure, post or publish on the Internet the home address or unpublished home telephone number of any judge, prosecutor, or court administrative personnel. A violation of this act is a crime of the fourth degree.

As used in this act:

"Judge" means any justice of the Supreme Court, judge of the Superior Court, judge of the Tax Court or municipal judge.

"Prosecutor" means a county prosecutor, first assistant prosecutor or assistant prosecutor as defined in N.J.S.2A:158-1 et seq.

"Court administrative personnel" means the Administrative Director of the Courts and other employees of the Administrative Office of the Courts as may be designated by the Chief Justice.

2. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

This bill makes it a crime of the fourth degree for a person with purpose to expose another to harassment or risk of harm to life or property, or in reckless disregard of the probability of such exposure, to knowingly post or publish on the Internet the home address or unpublished telephone number of any judge, prosecutor, or court administrative personnel. A fourth degree crime is punishable by a prison term of up to 18 months, a fine of up to $10,000, or both.

This bill is modeled in part after N.J.S.A. 2C:20-31.1 which makes it a similar crime with respect to law enforcement officers.