

1 HB258  
2 135714-2  
3 By Representatives Williams (P), Ball, Brown, Gaston, Boothe,  
4 Hammon, McClendon, Fincher and Davis  
5 RFD: Public Safety and Homeland Security  
6 First Read: 09-FEB-12

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4 A BILL  
5 TO BE ENTITLED  
6 AN ACT  
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8 To prohibit inmates from establishing or maintaining  
9 any Internet-based social networking website; and in  
10 connection therewith would have as its purpose or effect the  
11 requirement of a new or increased expenditure of local funds  
12 within the meaning of Amendment 621 of the Constitution of  
13 Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Section 111.05 of the  
14 Official Recompilation of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901,  
15 as amended.

16 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

17 Section 1. (a) No inmate in the custody of the  
18 Department of Corrections or city and county jails shall  
19 establish or maintain an account on any Internet-based social  
20 networking website.

21 (b) For purposes of this act, social networking  
22 website means an Internet-based website that has any of the  
23 following capabilities:

24 (1) Allows users to create web pages or profiles  
25 about themselves that are available to the general public or  
26 to any other users.

1                   (2) Offers a mechanism for communication among  
2 users, such as a forum, chat room, electronic mail, or instant  
3 messaging.

4                   (c) Any inmate or other persons working in  
5 conjunction with a state correction's inmate who violates this  
6 section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine  
7 not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500).

8                   Section 2. Although this bill would have as its  
9 purpose or effect the requirement of a new or increased  
10 expenditure of local funds, the bill is excluded from further  
11 requirements and application under Amendment 621, now  
12 appearing as Section 111.05 of the Official Recompilation of  
13 the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, because the  
14 bill defines a new crime or amends the definition of an  
15 existing crime.

16                   Section 3. This act shall become effective on the  
17 first day of the third month following its passage and  
18 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

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Yeas 91, Nays 0, Abstains 0

Greg Pappas  
Clerk