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Overview

This bill authorizes a court to grant a restraining order against a private computer network that publishes harassing information.

Section

- 1** **Definition.** Defines "harassment" as: "a single incident of posing as another person or persons through the use of the Internet or a computer, computer program, computer network, or computer system, without express authorization in order to harass or defame another person or persons."
- 2** **Restraining order.** Provides that if harassment occurs through the use of the Internet or a computer program, network, or system, the court may issue a restraining order against a private computer network that publishes harassing information. The order may direct the respondent to remove or correct the harassing information. Authorizes service of the restraining order by mail.