

## 98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2013 and 2014 HB3009

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## SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

720 ILCS 5/12-6.4

Amends the Criminal Code of 2012. Provides that a person commits criminal street gang recruitment when he or she recruits, solicits, or induces another person to join or remain a member of a criminal street gang. Provides that the penalty is a Class 4 felony. Provides that if the person recruited, solicited, or induced is a minor, the offense is a Class 3 felony.

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CORRECTIONAL
BUDGET AND
IMPACT NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

1 AN ACT concerning criminal law.

## Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

- Section 5. The Criminal Code of 2012 is amended by changing Section 12-6.4 as follows:
- 6 (720 ILCS 5/12-6.4)

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- Sec. 12-6.4. Criminal street gang recruitment on school
  grounds or public property adjacent to school grounds and
  criminal street gang recruitment of a minor.
  - (a) A person commits criminal street gang recruitment on school grounds or public property adjacent to school grounds when on school grounds or public property adjacent to school grounds, he or she knowingly threatens the use of physical force to coerce, solicit, recruit, or induce another person to join or remain a member of a criminal street gang, or conspires to do so.
    - (a-5) A person commits the offense of criminal street gang recruitment of a minor when he or she threatens the use of physical force to coerce, solicit, recruit, or induce another person to join or remain a member of a criminal street gang, or conspires to do so, whether or not such threat is communicated in person, by means of the Internet, or by means of a telecommunications device.

- (a-6) A person commits criminal street gang recruitment when he or she recruits, solicits, or induces another person to join or remain a member of a criminal street gang.
- (b) Sentence. Criminal street gang recruitment on school grounds or public property adjacent to school grounds <u>under subsection (a)</u> is a Class 1 felony and criminal street gang recruitment of a minor <u>under subsection (a-5)</u> is a Class 1 felony. <u>Criminal street gang recruitment under subsection (a-6) is a Class 4 felony. If the person recruited, solicited, or induced in subsection (a-6) is a minor, the offense is a Class 3 felony.</u>
  - (c) In this Section:

"School grounds" means the building or buildings or real property comprising a public or private elementary or secondary school, community college, college, or university and includes a school yard, school playing field, or school playground.

"Minor" means any person under 18 years of age.

"Internet" means an interactive computer service or system or an information service, system, or access software provider that provides or enables computer access by multiple users to a computer server, and includes, but is not limited to, an information service, system, or access software provider that provides access to a network system commonly known as the Internet, or any comparable system or service and also includes, but is not limited to,

| Τ  | a World Wide Web page, newsgroup, message board, mailing   |
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| 2  | list, or chat area on any interactive computer service or  |
| 3  | system or other online service.                            |
| 4  | "Criminal street gang" has the meaning ascribed to the     |
| 5  | term in Section 10 of the Illinois Streetgang Terrorism    |
| 6  | Omnibus Prevention Act.                                    |
| 7  | "Telecommunications device" means a device that is         |
| 8  | capable of receiving or transmitting speech, data,         |
| 9  | signals, text, images, sounds, codes, or other information |
| 10 | including, but not limited to, paging devices, telephones, |
| 11 | and cellular and mobile telephones.                        |
| 12 | (Source: P.A. 96-199, eff. 1-1-10; 96-1551, eff. 7-1-11.)  |