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1 AN ACT concerning criminal law.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, 3 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)

Sec. 12-6.4. Criminal street gang recruitment on school
grounds, or public property adjacent to school grounds, or in a
<u>public park</u> 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,
or in a public park when on school grounds, or public property
adjacent to school grounds, or in a public park 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.

17 (a-5) A person commits the offense of criminal street gang 18 recruitment of a minor when he or she threatens the use of 19 physical force to coerce, solicit, recruit, or induce another 20 person to join or remain a member of a criminal street gang, or 21 conspires to do so, whether or not such threat is communicated 22 in person, by means of the Internet, or by means of a 23 telecommunications device.

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(b) Sentence.

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2 Criminal street gang recruitment on school grounds, or 3 public property adjacent to school grounds, or in a public park is a Class 1 felony and criminal street gang 4 5 recruitment of a minor is a Class 1 felony.

(c) In this Section: 6

7 "Public park" includes a park, forest preserve, or 8 conservation area under the jurisdiction of the State or a 9 unit of local government.

10 "School bus" has the meaning ascribed to the term in 11 Section 1-182 of the Illinois Vehicle Code.

12 "School grounds" means the property, including buildings and grounds, of a public or private elementary, 13 14 secondary, or post-secondary school, or a public or private 2-year or 4-year institution of higher education; public 15 16 property or property open to public use within 1,000 feet of school property; a school bus; a designated school bus 17 stop; and public property or property open to public use 18 19 which is within 1,000 feet of the school bus stop, during 20 the time when school children are waiting to be picked up 21 and transported to or are being dropped off from school or 22 a school-sponsored activity the building or buildings or 23 real property comprising a public or private elementary or 24 secondary school, community college, college, 25 university and includes a school yard, school playing 26 field, or school playground.

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

"Internet" means an interactive computer service or 2 3 an information service, system, system or or access software provider that provides or enables computer access 4 5 by multiple users to a computer server, and includes, but is not limited to, an information service, system, or 6 7 access software provider that provides access to a network 8 system commonly known as the Internet, or any comparable 9 system or service and also includes, but is not limited to, 10 a World Wide Web page, newsgroup, message board, mailing 11 list, or chat area on any interactive computer service or 12 system or other online service.

13 "Telecommunications device" means a device that is 14 capable of receiving or transmitting speech, data, 15 signals, text, images, sounds, codes, or other information 16 including, but not limited to, paging devices, telephones, 17 and cellular and mobile telephones.

18 (Source: P.A. 96-199, eff. 1-1-10; 96-1551, eff. 7-1-11.)