

Amend CSSB 179 (senate committee report) as follows:

(1) In SECTION 4 of the bill, in added Section 37.0151, Education Code (page 3, line 5), between "CONSTITUTING" and "HARASSMENT", insert "ASSAULT OR".

(2) In SECTION 4 of the bill, in added Section 37.0151(a), Education Code (page 3, line 14), strike "22.081" and substitute "22.01 or 42.07(a)(7)".

(3) Strike SECTION 9 of the bill, adding Section 22.081, Penal Code (page 7, lines 30-65).

(4) Add the following appropriately numbered SECTIONS to the bill:

SECTION _____. Section 42.07(b)(1), Penal Code, is amended to read as follows:

(1) "Electronic communication" means a transfer of signs, signals, writing, images, sounds, data, or intelligence of any nature transmitted in whole or in part by a wire, radio, electromagnetic, photoelectronic, or photo-optical system. The term includes:

(A) a communication initiated through the use of [by] electronic mail, instant message, network call, a cellular or other type of telephone, a computer, a camera, text message, a social media platform or application, an Internet website, any other Internet-based communication tool, or facsimile machine; and

(B) a communication made to a pager.

SECTION _____. Section 42.07(c), Penal Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c) An offense under this section is a Class B misdemeanor, except that the offense is a Class A misdemeanor if:

(1) the actor has previously been convicted under this section; or

(2) the offense was committed under Subsection (a)(7) against a child under 18 years of age with the intent that the child:

(A) commit suicide; or

(B) engage in conduct causing serious bodily injury to the child.

(5) Renumber SECTIONS of the bill accordingly.