

Senate Bill 536

By: Senator Smith of the 52nd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 7 of Chapter 5 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to stalking, so as to clarify venue for prosecution; to reorganize certain provisions
3 of the article; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting
4 laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Article 7 of Chapter 5 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
8 stalking, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

9 "16-5-89.

10 As used in this article, the term:

11 (1) 'Computer' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 16-9-92.

12 (2) 'Computer network' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section
13 16-9-92.

14 (3) 'Contact' means any communication, including, but not limited to, communication
15 in person, by telephone, by mail, by broadcast, by computer, by computer network, or by
16 any other electronic device.

17 (4) 'Harassing and intimidating' means a knowing and willful course of conduct directed
18 at a specific person which causes emotional distress by placing such person in reasonable
19 fear for such person's safety or the safety of a member of his or her immediate family by
20 establishing a pattern of harassing and intimidating behavior which serves no legitimate
21 purpose.

22 (5) 'Place or places' means any public or private property occupied by the victim other
23 than the residence of the defendant."

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SECTION 4.

2 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.