

Alaska Cyberbully Law

WHEREAS, in response to the digital age and its associated harms, Alaska's leadership, under Governor Sean Parnell, took a decisive step on July 17, 2014. The enactment of Senate Bill 128 (SB128) specifically addressed the harm inflicted upon minors to cyber sexual human trafficking, under the age of 18 years old, through electronic communication, and criminalized such acts that result in "severe mental or emotional injury."

WHEREAS, this legal safeguard AS 11.61.121 creates a notable and unjust gap in the fabric of our protection, leaving adult Alaskans over the age of 18 years defenseless against the harmful menace of cyberbullying. In the current digital age and interconnected world, where trauma of online harassment recognizes no age limits, this oversight exposes a substantial portion of Alaskans to unjustifiable risk.

LET IT BE KNOWN, the reality of cyberbullying as a non-discriminatory force that inflicts equal distress on adults and children alike, remains unacknowledged within our existing laws, thus contradicting the spirit of comprehensive legal protection.

THEREFORE, with resolute conviction and unyielding determination driven by a call for equal justice for all, we assert the necessity to amend the present cyberbullying law by removal of the age delineation from the law, to cover Alaskans of all ages, from the virtual torment of cyberbullying.