A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 3 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to invasions of privacy, so as to prohibit the publication of certain information relating to minors under certain circumstances; to provide for definitions; to provide for penalties; to provide for venue; to provide for exceptions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 3 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to invasions of privacy, is amended by adding a new Part 3 to read as follows:

Part 3

16-11-90.
(a) As used in this Code section, the term:
(1) 'Child' means any individual who is under the age of 18 years.
(2) 'Personal identifying information' means a postal address, e-mail address, or telephone number.
(3) 'Publish' means dissemination to any person.
(b) A person shall not knowingly publish, in print or electronically, a child's personal identifying information without the written consent of such child's parent or guardian. A person convicted of violating this subsection shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.
(c) A person shall be subject to prosecution in this state pursuant to Code Section 17-2-1 for any conduct made unlawful by this Code section which the person engages in while:
(1) Either within or outside of this state if, by such conduct, the person commits a violation of this Code section which involves an individual who resides in this state; or

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(2) Within this state if, by such conduct, the person commits a violation of this Code section which involves an individual who resides within or outside this state.

(d) The provisions of subsection (b) of this Code section shall not apply to:

1. The activities of law enforcement and prosecution agencies in the investigation and prosecution of criminal offenses; or
2. Legitimate medical, scientific, or educational activities.

(e) Any violation of this Code section shall constitute a separate offense and shall not merge with any other crimes set forth in this title."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.