

**Subject:** Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) - Cyber Harassment of a Child  
**Attachments:** Act 26 Cyber Harassment.pdf

**For Your Information and Distribution:**

**On July 10, 2015 Governor Wolf signed PA House Bill 229 into law.**

HB 229 is now Act 26 of 2015. Act 26 amends Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in assault, further providing for the offense of harassment.

**Act 26:**

1. Defines cyber harassment of a child and makes it a crime.
2. Explains what occurs if a juvenile is charged with this offense.
3. Defines the following: *emotional distress, repeatedly communicates and seriously disparaging statement.*
4. Becomes effective September 8, 2015.

Please be advised that this specific misconduct category has been added to the PIMS Safe School Reporting requirements starting SY 2015-2016.

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