LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE BILL 290

Introduced by Coash, 27. Read first time January 15, 2015 Committee:

1	A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to criminal law; to amend sections 29-4001.01,
2	29-4006, and 29-4007, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2014;
3	to eliminate certain notification requirements under the Sex
4	Offender Registration Act; to eliminate the offense of unlawful use
5	of the Internet by a prohibited sex offender; to repeal the original
6	sections; and to outright repeal section 28-322.05, Revised Statutes
7	Cumulative Supplement, 2014.

8 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. Section 29-4001.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative
 Supplement, 2014, is amended to read:

3 29-4001.01 For purposes of the Sex Offender Registration Act:

4 (1) Aggravated offense means any registrable offense under section 5 29-4003 which involves the penetration of, direct genital touching of, 6 oral to anal contact with, or oral to genital contact with (a) a victim 7 age thirteen years or older without the consent of the victim, (b) a 8 victim under the age of thirteen years, or (c) a victim who the sex 9 offender knew or should have known was mentally or physically incapable 10 of resisting or appraising the nature of his or her conduct;

11 (2) Blog means a web site contained on the Internet that is created, 12 maintained, and updated in a log, journal, diary, or newsletter format by 13 an individual, group of individuals, or corporate entity for the purpose 14 of conveying information or opinions to Internet users who visit their 15 web site;

16 (3) Chat room means a web site or server space on the Internet or 17 communication network primarily designated for the virtually 18 instantaneous exchange of text or voice transmissions or computer file 19 attachments amongst two or more computers or electronic communication 20 device users;

(4) Chat room identifiers means the username, password, symbol, image, or series of symbols, letters, numbers, or text characters used by a chat room participant to identify himself or herself in a chat room or to identify the source of any content transmitted from a computer or electronic communication device to the web site or server space upon which the chat room is dedicated;

(2 5) DNA sample has the same meaning as in section 29-4103;
 (6) Domain name means a series of text-based symbols, letters,
 numbers, or text characters used to provide recognizable names to
 numerically addressed Internet resources that are registered by the
 Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers;

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1 (7) Email means the exchange of electronic text messages and 2 computer file attachments between computers or other electronic 3 communication devices over a communications network, such as a local area 4 computer network or the Internet;

5 (8) Email address means the string of letters, numbers, and symbols
6 used to specify the source or destination of an email message that is
7 transmitted over a communication network;

8 (<u>3</u> 9) Habitual living location means any place that an offender may
9 stay for a period of more than three days even though the sex offender
10 maintains a separate permanent address or temporary domicile;

11 (10) Instant messaging means a direct, dedicated, and private 12 communication service, accessed with a computer or electronic 13 communication device, that enables a user of the service to send and 14 receive virtually instantaneous text transmissions or computer file 15 attachments to other selected users of the service through the Internet 16 or a computer communications network;

17 (11) Instant messaging identifiers means the username, password, 18 symbol, image, or series of symbols, letters, numbers, images, or text 19 characters used by an instant messaging user to identify their presence 20 to other instant messaging users or the source of any content sent from 21 their computer or electronic communication device to another instant 22 messaging user;

23 (4 + 12) Minor means a person under eighteen years of age;

24 (13) Social networking web site means a web page or collection of 25 web sites contained on the Internet (a) that enables users or subscribers 26 to create, display, and maintain a profile or Internet domain containing 27 biographical data, personal information, photos, or other types of media, 28 (b) that can be searched, viewed, or accessed by other users or visitors 29 to the web site, with or without the creator's permission, consent, 30 invitation, or authorization, and (c) that may permit some form of communication, such as direct comment on the profile page, instant 31

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1 messaging, or email, between the creator of the profile and users who
2 have viewed or accessed the creator's profile;

3 (<u>5</u> 14) State DNA Data Base means the data base established pursuant
4 to section 29-4104; and

5 (<u>6</u> 15) Temporary domicile means any place at which the person
6 actually lives or stays for a period of at least three working days.

Sec. 2. Section 29-4006, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
2014, is amended to read:

9 29-4006 (1) Registration information required by the Sex Offender 10 Registration Act shall be entered into a data base in a format approved 11 by the sex offender registration and community notification division of 12 the Nebraska State Patrol and shall include, but not be limited to, the 13 following information:

14 (a) The legal name and all aliases which the person has used or15 under which the person has been known;

16 (b) The person's date of birth and any alias dates of birth;

17 (c) The person's social security number;

(d) The address of each residence at which the person resides, has a
temporary domicile, has a habitual living location, or will reside;

(e) The name and address of any place where the person is an
employee or will be an employee, including work locations without a
single worksite;

(f) The name and address of any place where the person is a student
or will be a student;

(g) The license plate number and a description of any vehicle owned
or operated by the person and its regular storage location;

(h) The person's motor vehicle operator's license number, including
the person's valid motor vehicle operator's license or state
identification card submitted for photocopying;

30 (i) The person's original travel and immigration documents submitted31 for photocopying;

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(j) The person's original professional licenses or certificates
 submitted for photocopying;

3 (k) The person's remote communication device identifiers and 4 addresses, including, but not limited to, all global unique identifiers, 5 serial numbers, Internet protocol addresses, telephone numbers, and 6 account numbers specific to the device;

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 $(\underline{k} \perp)$ The person's telephone numbers;

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(<u>1</u> m) A physical description of the person;

9 (<u>m</u> n) A digital link to the text of the provision of law defining
10 the criminal offense or offenses for which the person is registered under
11 the act;

12 $(\underline{n} \ \theta)$ Access to the criminal history of the person, including the 13 date of all arrests and convictions, the status of parole, probation, or 14 supervised release, registration status, and the existence of any 15 outstanding arrest warrants for the person;

16 $(\underline{o} \ \underline{p})$ A current photograph of the person;

17 (p q) A set of fingerprints and palm prints of the person; and

18 $(\underline{q} +)$ A DNA sample of the person. ; and

(s) All email addresses, instant messaging identifiers, chat room identifiers, global unique identifiers, and other Internet communication identifiers that the person uses or plans to use, all domain names registered by the registrant, and all blogs and Internet sites maintained by the person or to which the person has uploaded any content or posted any messages or information.

25 (2) When the person provides any information under subdivision (1)
26 (k) or (s) of this section, the registrant shall sign a consent form,
27 provided by the law enforcement agency receiving this information,
28 authorizing the:

29 (a) Search of all the computers or electronic communication devices
 30 possessed by the person; and

31 (b) Installation of hardware or software to monitor the person's

Internet usage on all the computers or electronic communication devices
 possessed by the person.

3 (3) Except as provided in section 29-4005, the registration information shall be verified as provided in subsections (4), (5), and 4 (6) of this section for the duration of the registration period. The 5 person shall appear in person for such verification at the office of the 6 sheriff of the county in which he or she resides, has a temporary 7 domicile, or is habitually living for purposes of accepting verifications 8 9 and shall have his or her photograph and fingerprints taken upon request of verification personnel. 10

(4) A person required to register under the act for fifteen years 11 shall report every twelve months in the month of his or her birth, in 12 person, to the office of the sheriff of the county in which he or she 13 resides for purposes of accepting verifications, regardless of the 14 original registration month. The sheriff shall submit such verification 15 16 information to the sex offender registration and community notification 17 division of the Nebraska State Patrol on the day it is received and in a manner prescribed by the Nebraska State Patrol for such purpose. 18

19 (5) A person required to register under the act for twenty-five years shall report, in person, every six months to the office of the 20 sheriff of the county in which he or she resides for purposes of 21 accepting verification. The person shall report, in person, in the month 22 of his or her birth and in the sixth month following the month of his or 23 24 her birth, regardless of the original registration month. The sheriff 25 shall submit such verification information to the sex offender registration and community notification division of the Nebraska State 26 Patrol on the day it is received and in a manner prescribed by the 27 Nebraska State Patrol for such purpose. 28

(6) A person required to register under the act for life shall
report, in person, every three months to the office of the sheriff of the
county in which he or she resides for purposes of accepting verification.

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The person shall report, in person, in the month of his or her birth and 1 2 every three months following the month of his or her birth, regardless of registration month. The sheriff shall 3 the original submit such verification information to the sex offender registration and community 4 notification division of the Nebraska State Patrol on the day it is 5 received and in a manner prescribed by the Nebraska State Patrol for such 6 7 purpose.

8 (7) The verification form shall be signed by the person required to 9 register under the act and state whether the address last reported to the 10 division is still correct.

(8) Upon receipt of registration and confirmation of the registry requirement, the sex offender registration and community notification division of the Nebraska State Patrol shall notify the person by certified mail of his or her registry duration and verification schedule.

(9) If the person required to register under the act fails to report
in person as required in subsection (4), (5), or (6) of this section, the
person shall be in violation of this section.

(10) If the person required to register under the act falsifies the registration or verification information or form or fails to provide or timely update law enforcement of any of the information required to be provided by the Sex Offender Registration Act, the person shall be in violation of this section.

(11) The verification requirements of a person required to register 23 24 under the act shall not apply during periods of such person's incarceration or inpatient civil commitment. Verification shall be 25 resumed as soon as such person is placed on any type of supervised 26 release, parole, or probation or outpatient civil commitment or is 27 released from incarceration or civil commitment. Prior to any type of 28 release from incarceration or inpatient civil commitment, the person 29 shall report a change of address, in writing, to the sheriff of the 30 county in which he or she is incarcerated and the sheriff of the county 31

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in which he or she resides, has a temporary domicile, or has a habitual
living location. The sheriff shall submit the change of address to the
sex offender registration and community notification division of the
Nebraska State Patrol on the day it is received and in a manner
prescribed by the Nebraska State Patrol for such purpose.

(12) Any person required to register under the act shall, in person, 6 7 inform the sheriff of any legal change in name within three working days after such change and provide a copy of the legal documentation 8 9 supporting the change in name. The sheriff shall submit the information to the sex offender registration and community notification division of 10 the Nebraska State Patrol, in writing, immediately after receipt of the 11 information and in a manner prescribed by the Nebraska State Patrol for 12 13 such purpose.

(13) Any person required to register under the Sex Offender 14 15 Registration Act shall inform the sheriff with whom he or she is required to register of any changes in or additions to such person's list of email 16 17 addresses, instant messaging identifiers, chat room identifiers, global 18 unique identifiers, and other Internet communication identifiers that the 19 registrant uses or plans to use, all domain names registered by the 20 person, and all blogs and Internet web sites maintained by the person or 21 to which the person has uploaded any content or posted any messages or 22 information, in writing, by the next working day. The sheriff receiving 23 this updated information shall submit the information to the sex offender 24 registration and community notification division of the Nebraska State 25 Patrol, in writing, by the next working day after receipt of the 26 information.

27 (<u>13</u> <u>14</u>) At any time that a person required to register under the act 28 violates the registry requirements and cannot be located, the registry 29 information shall reflect that the person has absconded, a warrant shall 30 be sought for the person's arrest, and the United States Marshals Service 31 shall be notified.

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Sec. 3. Section 29-4007, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
 2014, is amended to read:

3 29-4007 (1) When sentencing a person convicted of a registrable
4 offense under section 29-4003, the court shall:

5 (a) Provide written notification of the duty to register under the 6 Sex Offender Registration Act at the time of sentencing to any defendant 7 who has pled guilty or has been found guilty of a registrable offense 8 under section 29-4003. The written notification shall:

9 (i) Inform the defendant of whether or not he or she is subject to 10 the act, the duration of time he or she will be subject to the act, and 11 that he or she shall report to a location designated by the Nebraska 12 State Patrol for purposes of accepting such registration within three 13 working days after the date of the written notification to register;

(ii) Inform the defendant that if he or she moves to another address
within the same county, he or she must report to the county sheriff of
the county in which he or she is residing within three working days
before his or her move;

(iii) Inform the defendant that if he or she no longer has a residence, temporary domicile, or habitual living location, he or she shall report such change in person to the sheriff of the county in which he or she is located within three working days after such change in residence, temporary domicile, or habitual living location;

(iv) Inform the defendant that if he or she moves to another county in the State of Nebraska, he or she must notify, in person, the county sheriff of the county in which he or she had been last residing, had a temporary domicile, or had a habitual living location and the county sheriff of the county in which he or she is residing, has a temporary domicile, or is habitually living of his or her current address. The notice must be given within three working days before his or her move;

30 (v) Inform the defendant that if he or she moves to another state,31 he or she must report, in person, the change of address to the county

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1 sheriff of the county in which he or she has been residing, has had a 2 temporary domicile, or has had a habitual living location and must comply 3 with the registration requirements of the state to which he or she is 4 moving. The notice must be given within three working days before his or 5 her move;

(vi) Inform the defendant that he or she shall (A) inform the 6 sheriff of the county in which he or she resides, has a temporary 7 domicile, or is habitually living, in person, of each educational 8 9 institution at which he or she is employed, carries on a vocation, or attends school, within three working days after such employment or 10 attendance, and (B) notify the sheriff of any change in such employment 11 or attendance status of such person at such educational institution, 12 within three working days; 13

(vii) Inform the defendant that he or she shall (A) inform the sheriff of the county in which the employment site is located, in person, of the name and address of any place where he or she is or will be an employee, within three working days after such employment, and (B) inform the sheriff of the county in which the employment site is located, in person, of any change in his or her employment;

(viii) Inform the defendant that if he or she goes to another state
to work or goes to another state as a student and still resides, has a
temporary domicile, or has a habitual living location in this state, he
or she must comply with the registration requirements of both states;

(ix) Inform the defendant that fingerprints, palm prints, a DNA
sample if not previously collected, and a photograph will be obtained by
any registering entity in order to comply with the registration
requirements;

(x) Inform the defendant of registry and verification locations; and
(xi) Inform the defendant of the reduction request requirements, if
eligible, under section 29-4005;

31 (xii) Inform the defendant that he or she must provide a list to all

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sheriffs with whom he or she must register of all email addresses, instant messaging identifiers, chat room identifiers, global unique identifiers, and other Internet communication identifiers that the defendant uses or plans to use, all domain names registered by the defendant, and all blogs and Internet web sites maintained by the defendant or to which the defendant has uploaded any content or posted any messages or information;

8 (xiii) Inform the defendant that he or she is required to inform the 9 sheriff with whom he or she is required to register of any changes in or 10 additions to his or her list of email addresses, instant messaging identifiers, chat room identifiers, global unique identifiers, and other 11 12 Internet communication identifiers that the defendant uses or plans to 13 use, all domain names registered by the defendant, and all blogs and Internet web sites maintained by the defendant or to which the defendant 14 15 has uploaded any content or posted any messages or information, in writing, by the next working day after such change or addition; and 16

17 (xiv) Inform the defendant that throughout the applicable 18 registration period, if applicable, he or she is prohibited from 19 accessing or using any Internet social networking web site or any instant 20 messaging or chat room service that has the likelihood of allowing the 21 defendant to have contact with any child who is under the age of eighteen 22 years if the defendant has been convicted and is currently being 23 sentenced for:

24 (A) Kidnapping of a minor pursuant to section 28-313;

25 (B) False imprisonment of a minor pursuant to section 28-314 or 26 28-315;

27 (C) Sexual assault in the first degree pursuant to subdivision (1)
28 (c) of section 28-319 or sexual assault of a child in the first degree
29 pursuant to section 28-319.01;

30 (D) Sexual assault of a child in the second or third degree pursuant 31 to section 28-320.01;

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1 (E) Incest of a minor pursuant to section 28-703; 2 (F) Visual depiction of sexually explicit conduct of a child 3 pursuant to section 28-1463.03 or 28-1463.05; 4 (G) Knowingly possessing any visual depiction of sexually explicit 5 conduct pursuant to section 28-813.01; 6 (H) Criminal child enticement pursuant to section 28-311; 7 (I) Child enticement by means of an electronic communication device pursuant to section 28-320.02; 8 9 (J) Enticement by electronic communication device pursuant to 10 section 28-833; or (K) Any attempt or conspiracy to commit an offense listed in 11 12 subdivisions (1)(a)(xiv)(A) through (1)(a)(xiv)(J) of this section; 13 (b) Require the defendant to read and sign a form stating that the duty of the defendant to register under the Sex Offender Registration Act 14 has been explained; 15 (c) Retain a copy of the written notification signed by the 16 17 defendant; and (d) Provide a copy of the signed, written notification, the judgment 18 and sentence, the information or amended information, and the journal 19 entry of the court to the county attorney, the defendant, the sex 20 offender registration and community notification division of the Nebraska 21 22 State Patrol, and the county sheriff of the county in which the defendant resides, has a temporary domicile, or has a habitual living location. 23 24 (2) When a person is convicted of a registrable offense under 25 section 29-4003 and is not subject to immediate incarceration upon sentencing, prior to being released by the court, the sentencing court 26 27 shall ensure that the defendant is registered by a Nebraska State Patrol 28 office or other location designated by the patrol for purposes of accepting registrations. 29

30 (3)(a) The Department of Correctional Services or a city or county
 31 correctional or jail facility shall provide written notification of the

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1 duty to register pursuant to the Sex Offender Registration Act to any 2 person committed to its custody for a registrable offense under section 3 29-4003 prior to the person's release from incarceration. The written 4 notification shall:

5 (i) Inform the person of whether or not he or she is subject to the 6 act, the duration of time he or she will be subject to the act, and that 7 he or she shall report to a location designated by the Nebraska State 8 Patrol for purposes of accepting such registration within three working 9 days after the date of the written notification to register;

(ii) Inform the person that if he or she moves to another address
within the same county, he or she must report all address changes, in
person, to the county sheriff of the county in which he or she has been
residing within three working days before his or her move;

(iii) Inform the defendant that if he or she no longer has a residence, temporary domicile, or habitual living location, he or she shall report such change in person to the sheriff of the county in which he or she is located within three working days after such change in residence, temporary domicile, or habitual living location;

(iv) Inform the person that if he or she moves to another county in the State of Nebraska, he or she must notify, in person, the county sheriff of the county in which he or she had been last residing, had a temporary domicile, or had a habitual living location and the county sheriff of the county in which he or she is residing, has a temporary domicile, or is habitually living of his or her current address. The notice must be given within three working days before his or her move;

(v) Inform the person that if he or she moves to another state, he or she must report, in person, the change of address to the county sheriff of the county in which he or she has been residing, has had a temporary domicile, or has been habitually living and must comply with the registration requirements of the state to which he or she is moving. The report must be given within three working days before his or her

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1 move;

(vi) Inform the person that he or she shall (A) inform the sheriff 2 of the county in which he or she resides, has a temporary domicile, or is 3 4 habitually living, in person, of each educational institution at which he or she is employed, carries on a vocation, or attends school, within 5 three working days after such employment or attendance, and (B) notify 6 7 the sheriff of any change in such employment or attendance status of such person at such educational institution, within three working days after 8 9 such change;

(vii) Inform the person that he or she shall (A) inform the sheriff of the county in which the employment site is located, in person, of the name and address of any place where he or she is or will be an employee, within three working days after such employment, and (B) inform the sheriff of the county in which the employment site is located, in person, of any change in his or her employment;

16 (viii) Inform the person that if he or she goes to another state to 17 work or goes to another state as a student and still resides, has a 18 temporary domicile, or has a habitual living location in this state, he 19 or she must comply with the registration requirements of both states;

(ix) Inform the defendant that fingerprints, palm prints, a DNA
sample if not previously collected, and a photograph will be obtained by
any registering entity in order to comply with the registration
requirements;

24 (x) Inform the defendant of registry and verification locations; and 25 (xi) Inform the defendant of the reduction request requirements, if 26 eligible, under section 29-4005. $\dot{\tau}$

27 (xii) Inform the defendant that he or she must provide a list to all 28 sheriffs with whom he or she must register of all email addresses, 29 instant messaging identifiers, chat room identifiers, global unique 30 identifiers, and other Internet communication identifiers that the 31 defendant uses or plans to use, all domain names registered by the

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1 defendant, and all blogs and Internet web sites maintained by the 2 defendant or to which the defendant has uploaded any content or posted 3 any messages or information;

4 (xiii) Inform the defendant that he or she is required to inform the 5 sheriff with whom he or she is required to register of any changes in or 6 additions to his or her list of email addresses, instant messaging 7 identifiers, chat room identifiers, global unique identifiers, and other Internet communication identifiers that the defendant uses or plans to 8 9 use, all domain names registered by the defendant, and all blogs and 10 Internet web sites maintained by the defendant or to which the defendant has uploaded any content or posted any messages or information, in 11 12 writing, by the next working day after such change or addition; and

13 (xiv) Inform the defendant that throughout the applicable 14 registration period, if applicable, he or she is prohibited from 15 accessing or using any Internet social networking web site or any instant 16 messaging or chat room service that has the likelihood of allowing the 17 defendant to have contact with any child who is under the age of eighteen 18 years if the defendant has been convicted and is currently being 19 sentenced for:

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(A) Kidnapping of a minor pursuant to section 28-313;

21 (B) False imprisonment of a minor pursuant to section 28-314 or 22 28-315;

23 (C) Sexual assault in the first degree pursuant to subdivision (1)
24 (c) of section 28-319 or sexual assault of a child in the first degree
25 pursuant to section 28-319.01;

26 (D) Sexual assault of a child in the second or third degree pursuant 27 to section 28-320.01;

28 (E) Incest of a minor pursuant to section 28-703;

29 (F) Visual depiction of sexually explicit conduct of a child 30 pursuant to section 28-1463.03 or 28-1463.05;

31 (G) Knowingly possessing any visual depiction of sexually explicit

1 conduct pursuant to section 28-813.01;

2 (H) Criminal child enticement pursuant to section 28-311;

3 (I) Child enticement by means of an electronic communication device

4 pursuant to section 28-320.02;

5 (J) Enticement by electronic communication device pursuant to 6 section 28-833; or

7 (K) Any attempt or conspiracy to commit an offense listed in
 8 subdivisions (3)(a)(xiv)(A) through (3)(a)(xiv)(J) of this section.

9 (b) The Department of Correctional Services or a city or county 10 correctional or jail facility shall:

(i) Require the person to read and sign the notification form
 stating that the duty to register under the Sex Offender Registration Act
 has been explained;

14 (ii) Retain a signed copy of the written notification to register; 15 and

(iii) Provide a copy of the signed, written notification to register
to the person and to the sex offender registration and community
notification division of the Nebraska State Patrol.

(4) If a person is convicted of a registrable offense under section
20 29-4003 and is immediately incarcerated, he or she shall be registered as
21 required under the act prior to discharge, parole, or work release.

(5) The Department of Motor Vehicles shall cause written notification of the duty to register to be provided on the applications for a motor vehicle operator's license and for a commercial driver's license.

26 (6) All written notification as provided in this section shall be on
27 a form approved by the Attorney General.

Sec. 4. Original sections 29-4001.01, 29-4006, and 29-4007, Revised
Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2014, are repealed.

30 Sec. 5. The following section is outright repealed: Section
31 28-322.05, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2014.

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