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12 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

14           Section 1. Paragraphs (a) and (d) of subsection (1) of  
15 section 784.048, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

784.048 Stalking; definitions; penalties.—

(1) As used in this section, the term:

18                   (a) "Harass" means to engage in a course of conduct  
19                   directed at a specific person, whether such person is  
20                   specifically named or described in sufficient detail as to be  
21                   clearly identifiable, which causes substantial emotional  
22                   distress to that person and serves no legitimate purpose.

(d) "Cyberstalker" means:

24       1. To engage in a course of conduct to communicate, or to  
25 cause to be communicated, directly or indirectly, words, images,  
26 or language by or through the use of electronic mail or  
27 electronic communication, directed at or pertaining to a  
28 specific person, whether such person is specifically named or  
29 described in sufficient detail as to be clearly identifiable; or

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30        2. To access, or attempt to access, the online accounts or  
31 Internet-connected home electronic systems of another person  
32 without that person's permission,  
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34 causing substantial emotional distress to that person and  
35 serving no legitimate purpose.

36        Section 2. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment  
37 made by this act to section 784.048, Florida Statutes, in a  
38 reference thereto, subsection (1) of section 784.0493, Florida  
39 Statutes, is reenacted to read:

40        784.0493 Harassment or intimidation based on religious or  
41 ethnic heritage.—

42        (1) As used in this section, the terms "credible threat"  
43 and "harass" have the same meaning as in s. 784.048(1).

44        Section 3. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment  
45 made by this act to section 784.048, Florida Statutes, in a  
46 reference thereto, paragraph (e) of subsection (3) of section  
47 1006.147, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

48        1006.147 Bullying and harassment prohibited.—

49        (3) For purposes of this section:

50        (e) Definitions in s. 815.03 and the definition in s.  
51 784.048(1)(d) relating to stalking are applicable to this  
52 section.

53        Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.