H. B. 2528 2 3 (By Delegates D. Walker, Lawrence, Butcher, Armstead, Martin and Hall) 5 [Introduced January 18, 2011; referred to the 6 7 Committee on the Judiciary.] 8 9 10 A BILL to amend and reenact §61-3C-14b of the Code of West 11 Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to the West Virginia 12 Computer Crime and Abuse Act; and providing that a person 13 convicted of a crime against a minor is denied Internet access 14 as part of punishment and penalty. 15 Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia: 16 That §61-3C-14b of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, 17 amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows: 18 ARTICLE 3C. WEST VIRGINIA COMPUTER CRIME AND ABUSE ACT. 19 §61-3C-14b. Soliciting, etc. a minor via computer; penalty. 20 (a) Any person over the age of eighteen, who knowingly uses a 21 computer to solicit, entice, seduce or lure or attempt to solicit, 22 entice, seduce or lure, a minor known or believed to be at least 23 four years younger than the person using the computer or a person 24 he or she believes to be such a minor, to commit any illegal act 25 proscribed by the provisions of article eight, eight-b, eight-c or

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- 1 eight-d of this chapter, or any felony offense under section four
- 2 hundred one, article four, chapter sixty-a of this code, is guilty
- 3 of a felony and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not more
- 4 than \$5,000 or imprisoned in a state correctional facility not less
- 5 than two nor more than ten years, or both.
- 6 (b) In addition to the penalty provided by this section, upon
- 7 conviction, probation or parole, or as an additional term of
- 8 release, the defendant may not have access to Internet.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to provide that persons convicted of a crime, under the provisions of the West Virginia Computer Crime and Abuse Act, against minors are denied Internet access as part of punishment and penalty for that crime.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from the present law, and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.