

CHAPTER 334

AN ACT concerning computer crime and amending P.L.1998, c.134.

BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

1. Section 3 of P.L.1998, c.134 (C.52:17B-193) is amended to read as follows:

C.52:17B-193 Establishment, maintenance of information available through the Internet, continuing educational program; hotline telephone service.

3. a. The department shall establish and maintain information available through the internet. The information shall include but not be limited to guidelines and recommendations on computer ethics, proper methods for reporting high technology crimes, safe computing practices for children and their families, and methods to filter, screen or block the receipt of objectionable material on interactive computer services.

b. The department shall design a continuing educational program to inform law enforcement, educational, civic and business groups on the emerging issues of high technology crimes including those perpetrated through the use of interactive computer services. This continuing educational program shall be made available by the department through the internet.

c. The department, in conjunction with the Statewide Computer Crime Task Force, shall establish and maintain a 24-hour toll-free hotline telephone service. The department shall take appropriate steps to publicize the hotline. The hotline shall receive and respond to inquiries or complaints from members of the public reporting computer crime, including but not limited to online child pornography; cyber-stalking; threats of violence in schools or other institutions; internet fraud, and unauthorized intrusions into computer systems.

2. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved January 5, 2002.