



ROSENSTEIN, FIST & RINGOLD

RED BANNER UPDATE

Date: April 26, 2021

Re: HB 1643

Signed: April 21, 2021

Effective: November 1, 2021

Topic: “Doxing” of Public Officials

Summary: Doxing refers to the search on the internet for and publishing of private information about an individual and typically involves a malicious intent. As HB 1643 pertains to school districts, this Act makes it a misdemeanor for anyone, with the intent to threaten, intimidate, harass, or facilitate another with such intention, to use an electronic communication device to knowingly publish, post, or otherwise make publicly available the personally-identifiable information of a peace officer or public official, which places that person in reasonable fear of death or serious bodily injury. The bill defines public official as “any person elected or appointed to a state office in the executive, legislative or judicial branch of state government or other political subdivision of the state.” This definition includes school board members.

Please visit the firm’s website to view the signed Act.

RFR attorneys are reviewing this legislation and will be advising clients as to any recommended changes to existing district policies.