A bill for an act

relating to crimes; prohibiting the use of electronic devices to sexually solicit children; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 609.352, subdivision 2a.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 609.352, subdivision 2a, is amended to read:

Subd. 2a. ~~**Internet or computer**~~ **Electronic solicitation of children.** A person 18 years of age or older who uses the Internet ~~or~~, a computer, computer program, computer network, ~~or~~ computer system, an electronic communications system, or a telecommunications, wire, radio communications system, or other electronic device capable of electronic data storage or transmission to commit any of the following acts, with the intent to arouse the sexual desire of any person, is guilty of a felony and may be sentenced as provided in subdivision 4:

(1) soliciting a child or someone the person reasonably believes is a child to engage in sexual conduct;

(2) engaging in communication ~~relating to or describing sexual conduct~~ with a child or someone the person reasonably believes is a child, relating to or describing sexual conduct; or

(3) distributing any material, language, or communication, including a photographic or video image, that relates to or describes sexual conduct to a child or someone the person reasonably believes is a child.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective August 1, 2009, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.