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S.F. No. 3481 - Expanding scope of doxing crimes

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S.F. 3481 expands the definition of “personal information” in two sections of law that prohibit a person from making publicly available personal information about an election official, law enforcement official, or the family member or household member of the official where the official does not consent and if the information poses an imminent and serious threat to the official’s safety or the safety of the official’s family member or household member and the person making the information available knows of any imminent or serious threat. The definition of personal information is expanded to include the official’s home telephone number, cell phone number, personal email address, children’s names, and pictures of the official’s children. In **section 1**, the home address of an election official’s family member is removed from the definition. Both sections are effective August 1, 2024, and apply to crimes committed on or after that date.