

110TH CONGRESS
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AN ACT

To protect children from cybercrimes, including crimes by online predators, to enhance efforts to identify and eliminate child pornography, and to help parents shield their children from material that is inappropriate for minors.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
5 “Protecting Children in the 21st Century Act”.

1 (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for
 2 this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

TITLE I—PROMOTING A SAFE INTERNET FOR CHILDREN

Sec. 101. Internet safety.

Sec. 102. Public awareness campaign.

Sec. 103. Annual reports.

Sec. 104. Online safety and technology working group.

Sec. 105. Promoting online safety in schools.

Sec. 106. Definitions.

TITLE II—ENHANCING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY ENFORCEMENT

Sec. 201. Child pornography prevention; forfeitures related to child pornography violations.

3 **TITLE I—PROMOTING A SAFE** 4 **INTERNET FOR CHILDREN**

5 **SEC. 101. INTERNET SAFETY.**

6 For the purposes of this title, the issue of Internet
 7 safety includes issues regarding the use of the Internet
 8 in a manner that promotes safe online activity for chil-
 9 dren, protects children from cybercrimes, including crimes
 10 by online predators, and helps parents shield their children
 11 from material that is inappropriate for minors.

12 **SEC. 102. PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGN.**

13 The Federal Trade Commission shall carry out a na-
 14 tionwide program to increase public awareness and pro-
 15 vide education regarding strategies to promote the safe
 16 use of the Internet by children. The program shall utilize
 17 existing resources and efforts of the Federal Government,
 18 State and local governments, nonprofit organizations, pri-
 19 vate technology and financial companies, Internet service

1 providers, World Wide Web-based resources, and other ap-
2 propriate entities, that includes—

3 (1) identifying, promoting, and encouraging
4 best practices for Internet safety;

5 (2) establishing and carrying out a national
6 outreach and education campaign regarding Internet
7 safety utilizing various media and Internet-based re-
8 sources;

9 (3) facilitating access to, and the exchange of,
10 information regarding Internet safety to promote up-
11 to-date knowledge regarding current issues; and

12 (4) facilitating access to Internet safety edu-
13 cation and public awareness efforts the Commission
14 considers appropriate by States, units of local gov-
15 ernment, schools, police departments, nonprofit or-
16 ganizations, and other appropriate entities.

17 **SEC. 103. ANNUAL REPORTS.**

18 The Commission shall submit a report to the Senate
19 Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation not
20 later than March 31 of each year that describes the activi-
21 ties carried out under section 102 by the Commission dur-
22 ing the preceding calendar year.

1 **SEC. 104. ONLINE SAFETY AND TECHNOLOGY WORKING**
2 **GROUP.**

3 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Within 90 days after the date
4 of enactment of this Act, the Assistant Secretary of Com-
5 merce for Communications and Information shall establish
6 an Online Safety and Technology working group com-
7 prised of representatives of relevant sectors of the business
8 community, public interest groups, and other appropriate
9 groups and Federal agencies to review and evaluate—

10 (1) the status of industry efforts to promote on-
11 line safety through educational efforts, parental con-
12 trol technology, blocking and filtering software, age-
13 appropriate labels for content or other technologies
14 or initiatives designed to promote a safe online envi-
15 ronment for children;

16 (2) the status of industry efforts to promote on-
17 line safety among providers of electronic communica-
18 tions services and remote computing services by re-
19 porting apparent child pornography under section
20 13032 of title 42, United States Code, including
21 amendments made by this Act with respect to the
22 content of such reports and any obstacles to such re-
23 porting;

24 (3) the practices of electronic communications
25 service providers and remote computing service pro-

1 viders related to record retention in connection with
2 crimes against children; and

3 (4) the development of technologies to help par-
4 ents shield their children from inappropriate mate-
5 rial on the Internet.

6 (b) REPORT.—Within 1 year after the working group
7 is first convened, it shall submit a report to the Assistant
8 Secretary and the Senate Committee on Commerce,
9 Science, and Transportation that—

10 (1) describes in detail its findings, including
11 any information related to the effectiveness of such
12 strategies and technologies and any information
13 about the prevalence within industry of educational
14 campaigns, parental control technologies, blocking
15 and filtering software, labeling, or other technologies
16 to assist parents; and

17 (2) includes recommendations as to what types
18 of incentives could be used or developed to increase
19 the effectiveness and implementation of such strate-
20 gies and technologies.

21 (c) FACA NOT TO APPLY TO WORKING GROUP.—
22 The Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.)
23 shall not apply to the working group.

1 **SEC. 105. PROMOTING ONLINE SAFETY IN SCHOOLS.**

2 Section 254(h)(5)(B) of the Communications Act of
3 1934 (47 U.S.C. 254(h)(5)(b)) is amended—

4 (1) by striking “and” after the semicolon in
5 clause (i);

6 (2) by striking “minors.” in clause (ii) and in-
7 serting “minors; and”; and

8 (3) by adding at the end the following:

9 “(iii) as part of its Internet safety
10 policy is educating minors about appro-
11 priate online behavior, including inter-
12 acting with other individuals on social net-
13 working websites and in chat rooms and
14 cyberbullying awareness and response.”.

15 **SEC. 106. DEFINITIONS.**

16 In this title:

17 (1) COMMISSION.—The term “Commission”
18 means the Federal Trade Commission.

19 (2) INTERNET.—The term “Internet” means
20 collectively the myriad of computer and tele-
21 communications facilities, including equipment and
22 operating software, which comprise the inter-
23 connected world-wide network of networks that em-
24 ploy the Transmission Control Protocol/Internet
25 Protocol, or any predecessor successor protocols to

1 such protocol, to communicate information of all
 2 kinds by wire or radio.

3 **TITLE II—ENHANCING CHILD** 4 **PORNOGRAPHY ENFORCEMENT**

5 **SEC. 201. CHILD PORNOGRAPHY PREVENTION; FORFEIT-** 6 **URES RELATED TO CHILD PORNOGRAPHY** 7 **VIOLATIONS.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 503(b)(1) of the Commu-
 9 nications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 503(b)(1)) is amended—

10 (1) by striking “or” after the semicolon in sub-
 11 paragraph (C);

12 (2) by striking “or 1464” in subparagraph (D)
 13 and inserting “1464, or 2252”;

14 (3) by inserting “or” after the semicolon in
 15 subparagraph (D); and

16 (4) by inserting after subparagraph (D) the fol-
 17 lowing:

18 “(E) violated any provision of section 227 of
 19 the Victims of Child Abuse Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C.
 20 13032);”.

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Attest:

Secretary.

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