

## HR 5397

Protecting Our Children From Violence Act of 2002

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Crime and Law Enforcement

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**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Select Education.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Select Education. (Nov 25, 2002)

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### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 25, 2002
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Oct 7, 2002
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred To	Sep 18, 2002

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## Summary (as of Sep 18, 2002)

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Protecting Our Children From Violence Act of 2002 - Amends the Federal criminal code to set forth criminal penalties for the: (1) assault or maiming of an individual under 18 years of age (minor); (2) custodial (parental) kidnaping of a minor; and (3) murder or attempted murder of a minor. Provides a civil action for the relief of a victim or of a parent on behalf of a victim.

Authorizes the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children to forward to local law enforcement agencies any electronic reports received concerning possible violations of child pornography laws.

Requires the Attorney General to establish an AMBER (America's Missing: Broadcast Emergency Response) Alert Coordinator position.

Directs the Secretary of Transportation to make grants to States for developing and constructing along highways facilities and equipment designed to notify the public of missing children.

Establishes within the Federal Bureau of Investigation a National Crimes Against Children Response Center to: (1) develop a national response plan model for reporting crimes involving the victimization of children; and (2) protect children from future crimes.

Increases from 25 to 35 years the statute of limitations for child abuse offenses. Makes the confidential marital communication privilege and adverse spousal privilege inapplicable to Federal proceedings where a spouse is charged with a crime against a child of either spouse or against a child under the custody or control of either spouse. Increases penalties for sex offenses.

Directs the Attorney General to appoint a Deputy Assistant Attorney General for Crimes Against Children.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Nov 25, 2002:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Select Education.
- **Oct 7, 2002:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
- **Sep 18, 2002:** Introduced in House
- **Sep 18, 2002:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, and Education and the Workforce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

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