

## S 1965

### Protecting Children in the 21st Century Act

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Families

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**Current Status:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce. (Jun 3, 2008)

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### Sponsor

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Sen. Hutchison, Kay Bailey [R-TX]	R · TX		Aug 2, 2007
Sen. Inouye, Daniel K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Aug 2, 2007
Sen. Nelson, Bill [D-FL]	D · FL		Aug 2, 2007
Sen. Pryor, Mark L. [D-AR]	D · AR		Aug 2, 2007
Sen. Rockefeller, John D., IV [D-WV]	D · WV		Aug 3, 2007
Sen. Bond, Christopher S. [R-MO]	R · MO		Sep 19, 2007
Sen. Thune, John [R-SD]	R · SD		Sep 24, 2007
Sen. Vitter, David [R-LA]	R · LA		Sep 25, 2007
Sen. Cochran, Thad [R-MS]	R · MS		Sep 27, 2007
Sen. Kerry, John F. [D-MA]	D · MA		Sep 27, 2007
Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]	R · AK		Sep 27, 2007
Sen. Snowe, Olympia J. [R-ME]	R · ME		Sep 27, 2007
Sen. Hagel, Chuck [R-NE]	R · NE		Oct 2, 2007
Sen. Hatch, Orrin G. [R-UT]	R · UT		Oct 15, 2007
Sen. Smith, Gordon H. [R-OR]	R · OR		Nov 7, 2007
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Nov 8, 2007
Sen. Coleman, Norm [R-MN]	R · MN		Nov 15, 2007
Sen. Roberts, Pat [R-KS]	R · KS		Nov 15, 2007
Sen. Lincoln, Blanche L. [D-AR]	D · AR		Dec 3, 2007
Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	D · MD		Jan 22, 2008

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Reported By	Dec 12, 2007
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 3, 2008

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Families

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 S 1492	Related bill	<b>Oct 10, 2008:</b> Became Public Law No: 110-385.
110 S 49	Related bill	<b>Jan 4, 2007:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Summary (as of May 22, 2008)

Protecting Children in the 21st Century Act - **Title I: Promoting a Safe Internet for Children** - (Sec. 101) Declares that the issue of Internet safety includes issues regarding the use of the Internet in a manner that promotes safe online activity for children, protects children from cybercrimes, including crimes by online predators, and helps parents shield their children from material that is inappropriate for minors.

(Sec. 102) Directs the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) to carry out a nationwide program to increase public awareness and provide education on strategies to promote the safe use of the Internet by children.

(Sec. 103) Requires the FTC to submit annual reports (by March 31) to the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation on the activities of its public awareness campaign.

(Sec. 104) Directs the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information to establish an Online Safety and Technology working group to review and evaluate: (1) the status of industry efforts to promote online safety for children; (2) the recordkeeping practices of electronic communications and remote computing service providers in connection with crimes against children; and (3) the development of technologies to help parents protect their children from inappropriate material on the Internet.

Requires the working group to report to the Assistant Secretary and the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation on its findings. Renders the Federal Advisory Committee Act inapplicable to the working group.

(Sec. 105) Amends the Communications Act of 1934 to require elementary and secondary schools with computer access to the Internet to educate minors about appropriate online behavior, including online interaction with other individuals in social networking websites and in chat rooms and cyberbullying awareness and response.

**Title II: Enhancing Child Pornography Enforcement** - Amends the Communications Act of 1934 to impose a forfeiture penalty on Internet service providers who violate requirements of the Victims of Child Abuse Act of 1990 to report online child pornography.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Jun 3, 2008:** Received in the House.
- **Jun 3, 2008:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.
- **May 23, 2008:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **May 22, 2008:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S4837-4839; text of measure as reported in Senate: CR S4837-4838)
- **May 22, 2008:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with amendments by Unanimous Consent.(text: CR S4839)
- **May 22, 2008:** Passed Senate with amendments by Unanimous Consent. (text: CR S4839)
- **Dec 12, 2007:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Reported by Senator Inouye with amendments. With written report No. 110-245.
- **Dec 12, 2007:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 538.
- **Sep 27, 2007:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ordered to be reported with amendments favorably.
- **Aug 2, 2007:** Introduced in Senate
- **Aug 2, 2007:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.