

## S 3456

Child Protection Act of 2012

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Crime and Law Enforcement

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### Sponsor

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### Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Cornyn, John [R-TX]	R · TX		Jul 30, 2012
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Jul 30, 2012
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Aug 2, 2012

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jul 30, 2012

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 HR 6063	Identical bill	<b>Dec 7, 2012:</b> Became Public Law No: 112-206.
112 HR 1981	Related bill	<b>Dec 16, 2011:</b> Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 224.
112 S 1308	Related bill	<b>Jun 30, 2011:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
112 S 596	Related bill	<b>Mar 16, 2011:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Child Protection Act of 2012 - Amends the federal criminal code to impose a fine and/or prison term of up to 20 years for transporting, receiving, distributing, selling, or possessing pornographic images of a child under the age of 12.

Requires a U.S. district court to issue a protective order prohibiting harassment or intimidation of a minor victim or witness if the court finds evidence that the conduct at issue is reasonably likely to adversely affect the willingness of the minor witness or victim to testify or otherwise participate in a federal criminal case or investigation.

Directs the U.S. Sentencing Commission to review and amend the federal sentencing guidelines and policy statements to ensure that such guidelines provide an additional penalty for sex trafficking of children and other child abuse crimes.

Allows the Director of the U.S. Marshals Service to issue an administrative subpoena for the investigation of unregistered sex offenders by the U.S. Marshals Service.

Amends the PROTECT Our Children Act of 2008 to: (1) double the amount that the Attorney General may award a non-law enforcement agency entity annually to establish and conduct training courses for National Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force Program task force members and other law enforcement officials, (2) require the Attorney General to designate a senior official at the Department of Justice (DOJ) with experience in investigating or prosecuting child exploitation cases as the National Coordinator for Child Exploitation Prevention and Interdiction to be responsible for coordinating the development of the National Strategy for Child Exploitation Prevention and Interdiction, (3) authorize appropriations for carrying out such strategy for FY2014-FY2018, (4) delete a requirement that the National Internet Crimes Against Children Data System identify high-priority suspects based on the volume of suspected criminal activity, and (5) require the Attorney General to report within 90 days after enactment of this Act on the status of the establishment of such System.

### **Actions Timeline**

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