

HR 6063

Child Protection Act of 2012

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Smith, Lamar [R-TX-21]

Party: Republican • **State:** TX • **Chamber:** House

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Rep. Lungren, Daniel E. [R-CA-3]	R · CA		Jun 29, 2012
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Rep. Meehan, Patrick [R-PA-7]	R · PA		Jun 29, 2012
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Rep. Richardson, Laura [D-CA-37]	D · CA		Jun 29, 2012
Rep. Sherman, Brad [D-CA-27]	D · CA		Jun 29, 2012
Rep. Slaughter, Louise McIntosh [D-NY-28]	D · NY		Jun 29, 2012
Rep. Towns, Edolphus [D-NY-10]	D · NY		Jun 29, 2012
Rep. Wasserman Schultz, Debbie [D-FL-20]	D · FL		Jun 29, 2012
Resident Commissioner Pierluisi, Pedro R. [D-PR-At Large]	D · PR		Jun 29, 2012
Rep. Amodei, Mark E. [R-NV-2]	R · NV		Jul 12, 2012
Rep. Austria, Steve [R-OH-7]	R · OH		Jul 12, 2012
Rep. Carnahan, Russ [D-MO-3]	D · MO		Jul 12, 2012
Rep. Carson, Andre [D-IN-7]	D · IN		Jul 12, 2012
Rep. Quigley, Mike [D-IL-5]	D · IL		Jul 12, 2012
Rep. Shuler, Heath [D-NC-11]	D · NC		Jul 17, 2012
Rep. Schiff, Adam B. [D-CA-29]	D · CA		Jul 19, 2012
Rep. Israel, Steve [D-NY-2]	D · NY		Jul 31, 2012
Rep. Thompson, Glenn [R-PA-5]	R · PA		Jul 31, 2012

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Reported By	Jul 31, 2012
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Discharged From	Nov 27, 2012

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 S 3456	Identical bill	Jul 30, 2012: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
112 HR 1981	Related bill	Dec 16, 2011: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 224.
112 S 1308	Related bill	Jun 30, 2011: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
112 S 596	Related bill	Mar 16, 2011: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Summary (as of Dec 7, 2012)

(This measure has not been amended since it was passed by the House on August 1, 2012. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

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

- **Dec 7, 2012:** Signed by President.
- **Dec 7, 2012:** Became Public Law No: 112-206.
- **Nov 28, 2012:** Presented to President.
- **Nov 27, 2012:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Nov 26, 2012:** Senate Committee on the Judiciary discharged by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S6908)
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- **Nov 26, 2012:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.
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- **Aug 2, 2012:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
- **Aug 1, 2012:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H5619)
- **Aug 1, 2012:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR 7/31/2012 H5507-5508)
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- **Aug 1, 2012:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jul 31, 2012:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Judiciary. H. Rept. 112-638.
- **Jul 31, 2012:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 459.
- **Jul 31, 2012:** Mr. Smith (TX) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Jul 31, 2012:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H5507-5510)
- **Jul 31, 2012:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 6063.
- **Jul 31, 2012:** At the conclusion of debate, the chair put the question on the motion to suspend the rules. Mr. Smith (TX) objected to the vote on the grounds that a quorum was not present. Further proceedings on the motion were postponed. The point of no quorum was withdrawn.
- **Jul 10, 2012:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 10, 2012:** Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.
- **Jun 29, 2012:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 29, 2012:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.