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Stop Enabling Sex Traffickers Act of 2017

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Sponsor

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Party: Republican • **State:** OH • **Chamber:** Senate

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Sen. Blunt, Roy [R-MO]	R · MO		Aug 1, 2017
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Sen. Corker, Bob [R-TN]	R · TN		Aug 1, 2017
Sen. Cornyn, John [R-TX]	R · TX		Aug 1, 2017
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Sen. Graham, Lindsey [R-SC]	R · SC		Aug 1, 2017
Sen. Heitkamp, Heidi [D-ND]	D · ND		Aug 1, 2017
Sen. Hoeven, John [R-ND]	R · ND		Aug 1, 2017
Sen. Isakson, Johnny [R-GA]	R · GA		Aug 1, 2017
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Aug 1, 2017
Sen. Lankford, James [R-OK]	R · OK		Aug 1, 2017
Sen. Lee, Mike [R-UT]	R · UT		Aug 1, 2017
Sen. McCain, John [R-AZ]	R · AZ		Aug 1, 2017
Sen. McCaskill, Claire [D-MO]	D · MO		Aug 1, 2017
Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]	R · AK		Aug 1, 2017
Sen. Nelson, Bill [D-FL]	D · FL		Aug 1, 2017
Sen. Rubio, Marco [R-FL]	R · FL		Aug 1, 2017
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Aug 1, 2017
Sen. Kennedy, John [R-LA]	R · LA		Aug 2, 2017
Sen. Sullivan, Dan [R-AK]	R · AK		Aug 2, 2017
Sen. Sasse, Ben [R-NE]	R · NE		Aug 3, 2017
Sen. Hassan, Margaret Wood [D-NH]	D · NH		Sep 18, 2017
Sen. Duckworth, Tammy [D-IL]	D · IL		Sep 19, 2017
Sen. Fischer, Deb [R-NE]	R · NE		Sep 19, 2017
Sen. Burr, Richard [R-NC]	R · NC		Sep 25, 2017
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Sep 25, 2017
Sen. Cotton, Tom [R-AR]	R · AR		Oct 5, 2017
Sen. Scott, Tim [R-SC]	R · SC		Oct 5, 2017
Sen. Cassidy, Bill [R-LA]	R · LA		Oct 17, 2017
Sen. Tillis, Thomas [R-NC]	R · NC		Oct 23, 2017
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Nov 6, 2017
Sen. Cortez Masto, Catherine [D-NV]	D · NV		Nov 6, 2017
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Nov 6, 2017
Sen. Harris, Kamala D. [D-CA]	D · CA		Nov 6, 2017
Sen. Schatz, Brian [D-HI]	D · HI		Nov 6, 2017

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Barrasso, John [R-WY]	R · WY		Nov 7, 2017
Sen. Grassley, Chuck [R-IA]	R · IA		Nov 7, 2017
Sen. Hatch, Orrin G. [R-UT]	R · UT		Nov 7, 2017
Sen. Toomey, Patrick [R-PA]	R · PA		Nov 8, 2017
Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]	D · MD		Nov 8, 2017
Sen. Gardner, Cory [R-CO]	R · CO		Nov 15, 2017
Sen. Thune, John [R-SD]	R · SD		Nov 27, 2017
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Sen. Manchin, Joe, III [D-WV]	D · WV		Nov 28, 2017
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Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]	D · MT		Dec 11, 2017
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Sen. Enzi, Michael B. [R-WY]	R · WY		Dec 20, 2017
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Sen. Boozman, John [R-AR]	R · AR		Jan 3, 2018
Sen. Roberts, Pat [R-KS]	R · KS		Jan 3, 2018
Sen. Rounds, Mike [R-SD]	R · SD		Jan 3, 2018
Sen. Shelby, Richard C. [R-AL]	R · AL		Jan 3, 2018
Sen. Young, Todd [R-IN]	R · IN		Jan 4, 2018
Sen. Heller, Dean [R-NV]	R · NV		Jan 8, 2018
Sen. Wicker, Roger F. [R-MS]	R · MS		Jan 8, 2018
Sen. Carper, Thomas R. [D-DE]	D · DE		Jan 10, 2018
Sen. Daines, Steve [R-MT]	R · MT		Jan 11, 2018
Sen. Murphy, Christopher [D-CT]	D · CT		Jan 16, 2018
Sen. Jones, Doug [D-AL]	D · AL		Mar 8, 2018
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Mar 19, 2018
Sen. Inhofe, James M. [R-OK]	R · OK		Mar 21, 2018
Sen. Perdue, David [R-GA]	R · GA		Mar 21, 2018

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Reported By	Jan 10, 2018

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 1865	Related bill	Apr 11, 2018: Became Public Law No: 115-164.

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(Sec. 3) This bill amends the Communications Act of 1934 to specify that communications decency provisions protecting providers from liability for the private blocking or screening of offensive material shall not be construed to impair or limit civil action or criminal prosecution under state or federal criminal or civil laws relating to sex trafficking of children or sex trafficking by force, fraud, or coercion.

(Sec. 4) The bill amends the federal criminal code to specify that the violation for benefiting from "participation in a venture" engaged in sex trafficking of children, or sex trafficking by force, fraud, or coercion, includes knowingly assisting, supporting, or facilitating the violation.

(Sec. 5) The bill amends the federal criminal code to allow a state attorney general to bring a civil action in U.S. district court on behalf of the state's residents if the attorney general believes an interest of the residents has been or is threatened or adversely affected by any person who knowingly participates in the sex trafficking of children or sex trafficking by force, fraud, or coercion.

Actions Timeline

- **Jan 10, 2018:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Reported by Senator Thune with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. With written report No. 115-199.
- **Jan 10, 2018:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 292.
- **Nov 8, 2017:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Sep 19, 2017:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 115-590.
- **Aug 1, 2017:** Introduced in Senate
- **Aug 1, 2017:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S4670-4671)