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SHIELD Act of 2019

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

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Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (Jul 15, 2019)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Harris, Kamala D. [D-CA]

Party: Democratic • **State:** CA • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Burr, Richard [R-NC]	R · NC		Jul 15, 2019
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Jul 15, 2019

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jul 15, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 2896	Identical bill	Jun 26, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.

Summary (as of Jul 15, 2019)

Stopping Harmful Image Exploitation and Limiting Distribution Act of 2019 or the SHIELD Act of 2019

This bill establishes a new criminal offense related to the distribution of intimate visual depictions.

Specifically, it makes it a crime to knowingly distribute (or intentionally threaten to distribute) an intimate visual depiction of an individual (1) with knowledge of or reckless disregard for the individual's lack of consent and reasonable expectation of privacy, and (2) without a reasonable belief that distributing the depiction touches a matter of public concern.

A violator is subject to criminal penalties—a fine, a prison term of up to five years, or both.

Actions Timeline

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