

## S 3951

PROTECT Act of 2022

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Crime and Law Enforcement

**Introduced:** Mar 29, 2022

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

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (Mar 29, 2022)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/senate-bill/3951>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Hawley, Josh [R-MO]

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

### Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Lee, Mike [R-UT]	R · UT		Mar 29, 2022
Sen. Scott, Rick [R-FL]	R · FL		Mar 29, 2022
Sen. Tillis, Thomas [R-NC]	R · NC		Mar 29, 2022
Sen. Cruz, Ted [R-TX]	R · TX		Apr 4, 2022

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 29, 2022

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 7263	Identical bill	Nov 1, 2022: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.

## **Prosecutorial Remedies and Other Tools to end the Exploitation of Children Today Act or the PROTECT Act of 2022**

This bill alters federal sentencing for individuals who commit certain child pornography offenses.

It generally requires judges to impose a sentence that is not less than the minimum period specified in the sentencing guideline range.

The bill also increases certain criminal penalties for possession of child pornography.

### **Actions Timeline**

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