

## S 4719

### Preventing Child Sex Abuse Act of 2022

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Crime and Law Enforcement

**Introduced:** Aug 2, 2022

**Current Status:** Held at the desk.

**Latest Action:** Held at the desk. (Dec 21, 2022)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/senate-bill/4719>

## Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Grassley, Chuck [R-IA]

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

## Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Ossoff, Jon [D-GA]	D · GA		Aug 2, 2022

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Discharged From	Dec 20, 2022

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 9616	Related bill	Dec 20, 2022: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

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This bill makes changes to the federal law prohibiting child sexual tourism.

First, the bill revises the specific intent required for certain offenses involving interstate or foreign travel to engage in or facilitate illicit sexual conduct. Specifically, this bill requires the government to prove that an individual traveled (or facilitated travel) with the intent to engage in illicit sexual conduct (currently, with a motivating purpose of engaging in illicit sexual conduct). Further, it specifies that the term *intent* is to be construed as any intention to engage in illicit sexual conduct at the time of the travel.

Second, the bill establishes new criminal offenses for acts in furtherance of illicit sexual conduct by an officer, director, employee, or agent of an organization through his or her connection to or affiliation with the organization. A violation is subject to a fine, a prison term of up to 30 years, or both.

Finally, the bill specifies that the term *sexual activity for which any person can be charged with a criminal offense* does not require interpersonal physical contact.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Dec 21, 2022:** Received in the House.
- **Dec 21, 2022:** Held at the desk.
- **Dec 20, 2022:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Dec 19, 2022:** Senate Committee on the Judiciary discharged by Unanimous Consent.
- **Dec 19, 2022:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S7304-7305)
- **Dec 19, 2022:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Dec 19, 2022:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent. (text of amendment in the nature of a substitute: CR S7304)
- **Aug 2, 2022:** Introduced in Senate
- **Aug 2, 2022:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.