

HR 6544

EARN IT Act of 2022

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

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Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology. (Feb 2, 2022)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Garcia, Sylvia R. [D-TX-29]

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

Cosponsors (15 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Wagner, Ann [R-MO-2]	R · MO		Feb 1, 2022
Rep. Donalds, Byron [R-FL-19]	R · FL		Feb 3, 2022
Rep. Rice, Tom [R-SC-7]	R · SC		Feb 3, 2022
Rep. Ellzey, Jake [R-TX-6]	R · TX		Feb 18, 2022
Rep. Moore, Blake D. [R-UT-1]	R · UT		Feb 18, 2022
Rep. Owens, Burgess [R-UT-4]	R · UT		Feb 18, 2022
Rep. Franklin, C. Scott [R-FL-15]	R · FL		Mar 24, 2022
Rep. Webster, Daniel [R-FL-11]	R · FL		Apr 1, 2022
Rep. Miller, Carol D. [R-WV-3]	R · WV		Apr 7, 2022
Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-2]	D · MA		May 13, 2022
Rep. Smith, Jason [R-MO-8]	R · MO		May 13, 2022
Rep. Steube, W. Gregory [R-FL-17]	R · FL		May 18, 2022
Rep. Demings, Val Butler [D-FL-10]	D · FL		Aug 12, 2022
Rep. Jackson Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		Nov 14, 2022
Rep. Roybal-Allard, Lucille [D-CA-40]	D · CA		Nov 29, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 1, 2022
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 2, 2022
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 1, 2022

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 365	Related bill	Dec 21, 2022: Held at the desk.
117 S 3538	Identical bill	Feb 10, 2022: Committee on the Judiciary. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
117 HR 1198	Related bill	Apr 28, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.

Summary (as of Feb 1, 2022)

Eliminating Abusive and Rampant Neglect of Interactive Technologies Act of 2022 or the EARN IT Act of 2022

This bill revises the federal framework governing the prevention of online sexual exploitation of children.

The bill establishes the National Commission on Online Child Sexual Exploitation Prevention. The commission must develop best practices for interactive computer services providers (e.g., Facebook and Twitter) to prevent, reduce, and respond to the online sexual exploitation of children.

Additionally, the bill limits the liability protections of interactive computer service providers with respect to claims alleging violations of child sexual exploitation laws.

The bill replaces various statutory references to *child pornography* and *material that contains child pornography* with *child sexual abuse material*.

Finally, the bill makes changes to the reporting requirements for electronic communication service providers and remote computing service providers (providers) who report apparent instances of crimes involving the sexual exploitation of children to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. Among the changes, the bill requires providers to report facts and circumstances sufficient to identify and locate each minor and each involved individual. The bill also increases the amount of time that providers must preserve the contents of a report.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 2, 2022:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology.
- **Feb 1, 2022:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 1, 2022:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, and Education and Labor, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.