

HR 3686

SHIELD Act of 2023

Congress: 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

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Current Status: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

Latest Action: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary. (May 25, 2023)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Dean, Madeleine [D-PA-4]

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

Cosponsors (17 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Del. Plaskett, Stacey E. [D-VI-At Large]	D · VI		May 25, 2023
Rep. Fitzpatrick, Brian K. [R-PA-1]	R · PA		May 25, 2023
Rep. Mace, Nancy [R-SC-1]	R · SC		May 25, 2023
Rep. Allred, Colin Z. [D-TX-32]	D · TX		Jul 12, 2023
Rep. Jackson Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		Oct 24, 2023
Rep. Kiley, Kevin [R-CA-3]	R · CA		Oct 24, 2023
Rep. Nunn, Zachary [R-IA-3]	R · IA		Oct 24, 2023
Rep. Kean, Thomas H. [R-NJ-7]	R · NJ		Mar 22, 2024
Rep. Gimenez, Carlos A. [R-FL-28]	R · FL		Apr 23, 2024
Rep. Johnson, Henry C. "Hank" [D-GA-4]	D · GA		Apr 23, 2024
Rep. Dingell, Debbie [D-MI-6]	D · MI		May 6, 2024
Rep. Moran, Nathaniel [R-TX-1]	R · TX		Jul 2, 2024
Rep. Salazar, Maria Elvira [R-FL-27]	R · FL		Jul 2, 2024
Rep. Nehls, Troy E. [R-TX-22]	R · TX		Sep 3, 2024
Rep. Ivey, Glenn [D-MD-4]	D · MD		Sep 20, 2024
Rep. Valadao, David G. [R-CA-22]	R · CA		Sep 24, 2024
Rep. Davis, Donald G. [D-NC-1]	D · NC		Oct 18, 2024

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	May 25, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 S 412	Related bill	Jul 15, 2024: Held at the desk.

Summary (as of May 25, 2023)

Stopping Harmful Image Exploitation and Limiting Distribution Act of 2023 or the SHIELD Act of 2023

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

Specifically, the bill makes it a crime to knowingly mail or distribute (or attempt or threaten to distribute)

- an intimate visual depiction of an individual with knowledge of the individual's lack of consent, where what is depicted was not voluntarily exposed by the individual in a public or commercial setting, and where what is depicted is not a matter of public concern; or
- a visual depiction of a nude minor with the intent to abuse, humiliate, harass, or degrade the minor or to arouse or gratify the sexual desire of any person.

A violator is subject to criminal penalties—a fine, a prison term of up to five years, or both—and mandatory restitution. Violators must also forfeit any material involved in the offense, property constituting or derived from the proceeds from the offense, and property used to commit or facilitate the offense.

Actions Timeline

- **May 25, 2023:** Introduced in House
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