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SHIELD Act of 2023

Congress: 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

Introduced: Feb 14, 2023

Current Status: Held at the desk.

Latest Action: Held at the desk. (Jul 15, 2024)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/senate-bill/412>

Sponsor

Name: Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]

Party: Democratic • State: MN • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (8 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Cornyn, John [R-TX]	R · TX		Feb 14, 2023
Sen. Lee, Mike [R-UT]	R · UT		May 16, 2023
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		May 17, 2023
Sen. Cruz, Ted [R-TX]	R · TX		May 17, 2023
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		May 17, 2023
Sen. Graham, Lindsey [R-SC]	R · SC		May 17, 2023
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Jun 21, 2023
Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]	D · NM		May 14, 2024

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Reported By	May 17, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 10329	Related bill	Dec 6, 2024: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
118 HR 3686	Related bill	May 25, 2023: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

## 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

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- **Jul 15, 2024:** Received in the House.
- **Jul 15, 2024:** Held at the desk.
- **Jul 12, 2024:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Jul 10, 2024:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S4338-4340 )
- **Jul 10, 2024:** The committee substitute withdrawn by Unanimous Consent.
- **Jul 10, 2024:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Voice Vote. (text of amendment in the nature of a substitute: CR S4339-4340 )
- **Jul 10, 2024:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Voice Vote. (text of amendment in the nature of a substitute: CR S4339-4340 )
- **May 17, 2023:** Committee on the Judiciary. Reported by Senator Durbin with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Without written report.
- **May 17, 2023:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 78.
- **May 11, 2023:** Committee on the Judiciary. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Feb 14, 2023:** Introduced in Senate
- **Feb 14, 2023:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.