

S 474

REPORT Act

Congress: 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

Introduced: Feb 16, 2023

Current Status: Became Public Law No: 118-59.

Latest Action: Became Public Law No: 118-59. (May 7, 2024)

Law: 118-59 (Enacted May 7, 2024)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/senate-bill/474>

Sponsor

Name: Sen. Blackburn, Marsha [R-TN]

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

Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Ossoff, Jon [D-GA]	D · GA		Feb 16, 2023
Sen. Lee, Mike [R-UT]	R · UT		May 31, 2023
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Jul 18, 2023
Sen. Lankford, James [R-OK]	R · OK		Sep 19, 2023
Sen. Rubio, Marco [R-FL]	R · FL		Dec 11, 2023

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Reported By	Jun 6, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 5082	Related bill	Mar 21, 2024: Ordered to be Reported in the Nature of a Substitute (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 23 - 0.
118 HR 6246	Related bill	Nov 6, 2023: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

Revising Existing Procedures On Reporting via Technology Act or the REPORT Act

This act makes changes to the federal framework governing the reporting of crimes involving the online sexual exploitation of children.

Specifically, the act makes changes to the requirements for electronic communication service providers and remote computing service providers (providers) to submit reports to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) when they become aware of violations involving the online sexual exploitation of children.

Among the changes, the act (1) increases the amount of time—from 90 days to 1 year—that a provider must preserve the contents of a report, and (2) extends the requirement for providers to report apparent violations involving the sexual exploitation of children to instances involving child sex trafficking or coercion or enticement of a minor to engage in prostitution or any other illegal sexual activity.

Additionally, the act increases the maximum fines for providers who knowingly and willfully fail to submit reports.

The act also (1) limits the liability of vendors that contract with NCMEC for civil claims or criminal charges arising from storing and transferring visual depictions of child sexual abuse material (i.e., child pornography), and (2) requires the vendors to comply with certain cybersecurity requirements.

Finally, the act limits the liability of minors, or persons acting on behalf of minors, for civil claims or criminal charges arising from reporting to NCMEC's CyberTipline apparent violations involving child sexual abuse material in which the child is depicted, including a copy of the visual depiction of the minor.

Actions Timeline

- **May 7, 2024:** Signed by President.
- **May 7, 2024:** Became Public Law No: 118-59.
- **May 1, 2024:** Presented to President.
- **Apr 29, 2024:** Ms. Lee (FL) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Apr 29, 2024:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H2683-2685)
- **Apr 29, 2024:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on S. 474.
- **Apr 29, 2024:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H2683-2684)
- **Apr 29, 2024:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H2683-2684)
- **Apr 29, 2024:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Dec 19, 2023:** Received in the House.
- **Dec 19, 2023:** Held at the desk.
- **Dec 18, 2023:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Dec 14, 2023:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S6006-6008)
- **Dec 14, 2023:** The committee substitute withdrawn by Unanimous Consent. (CR S6007)
- **Dec 14, 2023:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.(text of amendment in the nature of a substitute: CR S6007-6008)
- **Dec 14, 2023:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent. (text of amendment in the nature of a substitute: CR S6007-6008)
- **Jun 6, 2023:** Committee on the Judiciary. Reported by Senator Durbin with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Without written report.
- **Jun 6, 2023:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 85.
- **Jun 1, 2023:** Committee on the Judiciary. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Feb 16, 2023:** Introduced in Senate
- **Feb 16, 2023:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.