

S 724

Preventing Child Sex Abuse Act of 2023

Congress: 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

Introduced: Mar 8, 2023

Current Status: Held at the desk.

Latest Action: Held at the desk. (Mar 9, 2023)

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Sponsor

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

Party: Republican • State: IA • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (3 total)

| Cosponsor | Party / State | Role | Date Joined |
|---------------------------------|---------------|------|-------------|
| Sen. Ossoff, Jon [D-GA] | D · GA | | Mar 8, 2023 |
| Sen. Warnock, Raphael G. [D-GA] | D · GA | | Mar 8, 2023 |
| Sen. Young, Todd [R-IN] | R · IN | | Mar 8, 2023 |

Committee Activity

No committee referrals or activity are recorded for this bill.

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 118 HR 2670 | Related bill | Dec 22, 2023: Became Public Law No: 118-31. |
| 118 S 2226 | Related bill | Jul 27, 2023: Senate ordered measure printed as passed. |
| 118 HR 454 | Identical bill | Jan 24, 2023: 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

- **Mar 9, 2023:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Mar 9, 2023:** Received in the House.
- **Mar 9, 2023:** Held at the desk.
- **Mar 8, 2023:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 8, 2023:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Introduced in the Senate, read twice, considered, read the third time, and passed without amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S722-723; text: CR S722-723)
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