

S 1333

Strengthening Child Exploitation Enforcement Act

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

Introduced: Apr 8, 2025

Current Status: Held at the desk.

Latest Action: Held at the desk. (Oct 10, 2025)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Cornyn, John [R-TX]

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

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Apr 8, 2025
Sen. Ossoff, Jon [D-GA]	D · GA		Sep 19, 2025

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Discharged From	Sep 30, 2025

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
119 HR 2735	Related bill	Apr 8, 2025: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

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This bill makes changes to federal criminal laws related to various offenses, particularly sexual abuse offenses against minors.

The bill revises the federal kidnapping statute by specifying that obtaining a victim by defrauding or deceiving a third party constitutes the offense of kidnapping. Additionally, for a kidnapping offense that involves a victim who has not attained the age of 16, the bill specifies that it is not a defense that the victim consented to the conduct of the offender, unless the offender establishes by a preponderance of the evidence that the offender reasonably believed that the victim had attained the age of 16.

The bill also revises statutes related to sexual abuse offenses against minors to specify the following:

- that crossing international lines with the intent to engage in a sexual act with a child who has not attained the age of 12 constitutes aggravated sexual abuse (currently, the statute only references crossing state lines),
- that the offense of sexual abuse of a minor also includes knowingly causing the intentional touching of any person by a person who has not attained the age of 16, and
- that attempting to commit abusive sexual contact is also a crime that is subject to the same penalty as the completed offense.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 10, 2025:** Received in the House.
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- **Oct 8, 2025:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Sep 29, 2025:** Senate Committee on the Judiciary discharged by Unanimous Consent.
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- **Sep 29, 2025:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Sep 29, 2025:** Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (text: CR S6843-6844)
- **Apr 8, 2025:** Introduced in Senate
- **Apr 8, 2025:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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