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Stop Sextortion Act

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Sponsor

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

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

Cosponsors (15 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Blackburn, Marsha [R-TN]	R · TN		Dec 9, 2025
Sen. Cornyn, John [R-TX]	R · TX		Dec 9, 2025
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Dec 9, 2025
Sen. Graham, Lindsey [R-SC]	R · SC		Dec 9, 2025
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Dec 9, 2025
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Dec 17, 2025
Sen. Moody, Ashley [R-FL]	R · FL		Dec 18, 2025
Sen. Kennedy, John [R-LA]	R · LA		Jan 27, 2026
Sen. Britt, Katie Boyd [R-AL]	R · AL		Feb 25, 2026
Sen. Cruz, Ted [R-TX]	R · TX		Feb 26, 2026
Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME]	I · ME		Mar 2, 2026
Sen. Cortez Masto, Catherine [D-NV]	D · NV		Mar 3, 2026
Sen. Kelly, Mark [D-AZ]	D · AZ		Mar 4, 2026
Sen. Gallego, Ruben [D-AZ]	D · AZ		Mar 9, 2026
Sen. Slotkin, Elissa [D-MI]	D · MI		Apr 15, 2026

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Dec 9, 2025

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
119 HR 6719	Related bill	Mar 2, 2026: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 346.

Summary (as of Dec 9, 2025)

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This bill criminalizes threats to distribute child sexual abuse material to intimidate, coerce, extort, or cause substantial emotional distress. This practice is commonly referred to as *sexortion*. The bill also increases criminal penalties for related offenses that involve the use of child sexual abuse material to intimidate, coerce, extort, or cause substantial emotional distress.

Specifically, the bill establishes new federal criminal offenses for threatening to distribute child pornography or a visual depiction of a minor engaging in sexually explicit conduct with intent to intimidate, coerce, extort, or cause substantial emotional distress. An offense, or an attempt or conspiracy to commit the offense, is subject to criminal penalties.

Additionally, the bill increases the maximum prison term for various offenses involving the sexual exploitation of children if those offenses involve the use of child pornography or a visual depiction of a minor engaged in sexually explicit conduct with intent to intimidate, coerce, extort, or cause substantial emotional distress.

