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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ (for himself, Mr. \_\_\_\_\_, and Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ ) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**A BILL**

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

2 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the  
3 “Protecting Children in the 21st Century Act”.

4 (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for  
5 this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

TITLE I—PROMOTING A SAFE INTERNET FOR CHILDREN

- Sec. 101. Internet safety.
- Sec. 102. Public awareness campaign.
- Sec. 103. Annual reports.
- Sec. 104. Authorization of appropriations.
- Sec. 105. Online safety and technology working group.
- Sec. 106. Promoting online safety in schools.
- Sec. 107. Definitions.

TITLE II—ENHANCING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY ENFORCEMENT

- Sec. 201. Child pornography prevention; forfeitures related to child pornography violations.
- Sec. 202. Additional child pornography amendments.

6 **TITLE I—PROMOTING A SAFE**  
7 **INTERNET FOR CHILDREN**

8 **SEC. 101. INTERNET SAFETY.**

9 For the purposes of this title, the issue of Internet  
10 safety includes issues regarding the use of the Internet  
11 in a manner that promotes safe online activity for chil-  
12 dren, protects children from cybercrimes, including crimes  
13 by online predators, and helps parents shield their children  
14 from material that is inappropriate for minors.

15 **SEC. 102. PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGN.**

16 The Federal Trade Commission shall carry out a na-  
17 tionwide program to increase public awareness and pro-  
18 vide education regarding strategies to promote the safe

1 use of the Internet by children. The program shall utilize  
2 existing resources and efforts of the Federal Government,  
3 State and local governments, nonprofit organizations, pri-  
4 vate technology and financial companies, Internet service  
5 providers, World Wide Web-based resources, and other ap-  
6 propriate entities, that includes—

7 (1) identifying, promoting, and encouraging  
8 best practices for Internet safety;

9 (2) establishing and carrying out a national  
10 outreach and education campaign regarding Internet  
11 safety utilizing various media and Internet-based re-  
12 sources;

13 (3) facilitating access to, and the exchange of,  
14 information regarding Internet safety to promote up-  
15 to-date knowledge regarding current issues; and

16 (4) facilitating access to Internet safety edu-  
17 cation and public awareness efforts the Commission  
18 considers appropriate by States, units of local gov-  
19 ernment, schools, police departments, nonprofit or-  
20 ganizations, and other appropriate entities.

21 **SEC. 103. ANNUAL REPORTS.**

22 The Commission shall submit a report to the Senate  
23 Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation not  
24 later than March 31 of each year that describes the activi-

1 ties carried out under section 102 by the Commission dur-  
2 ing the preceding calendar year.

3 **SEC. 104. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

4 For carrying out the public awareness campaign  
5 under section 102, there are authorized to be appropriated  
6 to the Commission \$5,000,000 for each of fiscal years  
7 2008 and 2009.

8 **SEC. 105. ONLINE SAFETY AND TECHNOLOGY WORKING**  
9 **GROUP.**

10 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Within 90 days after the date  
11 of enactment of this Act, the Assistant Secretary of Com-  
12 merce for Communications and Information shall establish  
13 an Online Safety and Technology working group com-  
14 prised of representatives of relevant sectors of the business  
15 community, public interest groups, and other appropriate  
16 groups and Federal agencies to review and evaluate—

17 (1) the status of industry efforts to promote on-  
18 line safety through educational efforts, parental con-  
19 trol technology, blocking and filtering software, age-  
20 appropriate labels for content or other technologies  
21 or initiatives designed to promote a safe online envi-  
22 ronment for children;

23 (2) the status of industry efforts to promote on-  
24 line safety among providers of electronic communica-  
25 tions services and remote computing services by re-

1       porting apparent child pornography under section  
2       13032 of title 42, United States Code, including  
3       amendments made by this Act with respect to the  
4       content of such reports and any obstacles to such re-  
5       porting;

6           (3) the practices of electronic communications  
7       service providers and remote computing service pro-  
8       viders related to record retention in connection with  
9       crimes against children; and

10          (4) the development of technologies to help par-  
11       ents shield their children from inappropriate mate-  
12       rial on the Internet.

13       (b) REPORT.—Within 1 year after the working group  
14       is first convened, it shall submit a report to the Assistant  
15       Secretary and the Senate Committee on Commerce,  
16       Science, and Transportation that—

17           (1) describes in detail its findings, including  
18       any information related to the effectiveness of such  
19       strategies and technologies and any information  
20       about the prevalence within industry of educational  
21       campaigns, parental control technologies, blocking  
22       and filtering software, labeling, or other technologies  
23       to assist parents; and

24           (2) includes recommendations as to what types  
25       of incentives could be used or developed to increase

1 the effectiveness and implementation of such strate-  
2 gies and technologies.

3 (c) FACA NOT TO APPLY TO WORKING GROUP.—

4 The Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.)  
5 shall not apply to the working group.

6 **SEC. 106. PROMOTING ONLINE SAFETY IN SCHOOLS.**

7 Section 254(h)(5)(B) of the Communications Act of  
8 1934 (47 U.S.C. 254(h)(5)(b)) is amended—

9 (1) by striking “and” after the semicolon in  
10 clause (i);

11 (2) by striking “minors.” in clause (ii) and in-  
12 serting “minors; and”; and

13 (3) by adding at the end the following:

14 “(iii) as part of its Internet safety  
15 policy is educating minors about appro-  
16 priate online behavior, including inter-  
17 acting with other individuals on social net-  
18 working websites and in chat rooms and  
19 cyberbullying awareness and response.”.

20 **SEC. 107. DEFINITIONS.**

21 In this title:

22 (1) COMMISSION.—The term “Commission”  
23 means the Federal Trade Commission.

24 (2) INTERNET.—The term “Internet” means  
25 collectively the myriad of computer and tele-

1 communications facilities, including equipment and  
2 operating software, which comprise the inter-  
3 connected world-wide network of networks that em-  
4 ploy the Transmission Control Protocol/Internet  
5 Protocol, or any predecessor successor protocols to  
6 such protocol, to communicate information of all  
7 kinds by wire or radio.

8 **TITLE II—ENHANCING CHILD**  
9 **PORNOGRAPHY ENFORCEMENT**

10 **SEC. 201. CHILD PORNOGRAPHY PREVENTION; FORFEIT-**  
11 **URES RELATED TO CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**  
12 **VIOLATIONS.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 503(b)(1) of the Commu-  
14 nications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 503(b)(1)) is amended—

15 (1) by striking “or” after the semicolon in sub-  
16 paragraph (C);

17 (2) by striking “or 1464” in subparagraph (D)  
18 and inserting “1464, or 2252”;

19 (3) by inserting “or” after the semicolon in  
20 subparagraph (D); and

21 (4) by inserting after subparagraph (D) the fol-  
22 lowing:

23 “(E) violated any provision of section 227 of  
24 the Victims of Child Abuse Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C.  
25 13032);”.

1 **SEC. 202. ADDITIONAL CHILD PORNOGRAPHY AMEND-**  
2 **MENTS.**

3 (a) INCREASE IN FINE FOR FAILURE TO REPORT.—  
4 Section 227(b)(4) of the Crime Control Act of 1990 (42  
5 U.S.C. 13032(b)(4)) is amended—

6 (1) by striking “\$50,000;” in subparagraph (A)  
7 and inserting “\$150,000;”; and

8 (2) by striking “\$100,000.” in subparagraph  
9 (B) and inserting “\$300,000.”.

10 (b) INTERNATIONAL INFORMATION SHARING.—Sec-  
11 tion 227 of the Victims of Child Abuse Act of 1990 (42  
12 U.S.C. 13032) is amended—

13 (1) by striking “a law enforcement agency or”  
14 in subsection (b)(1) and inserting “appropriate Fed-  
15 eral, State, or foreign law enforcement agencies”;

16 (2) by inserting “Federal, State, or foreign”  
17 after “designate the” in subsection (b)(2);

18 (3) by striking “law.” in subsection (b)(3) and  
19 inserting “law, or appropriate officials of foreign law  
20 enforcement agencies designated by the Attorney  
21 General for the purpose of enforcing State or Fed-  
22 eral laws of the United States.”;

23 (4) by redesignating paragraphs (3) and (4) of  
24 subsection (b) as paragraphs (4) and (5), respec-  
25 tively, and inserting after paragraph (2) the fol-  
26 lowing:



1           “(3) CONTENTS OF REPORT.—To the extent  
2 this information is reasonably available to an elec-  
3 tronic communication service provider or a remote  
4 computing service provider, each report under para-  
5 graph (1) shall include—

6           “(A) information relating to the Internet  
7 identity of any individual who appears to have  
8 violated any section of title 18, United States  
9 Code, referenced in paragraph (1), including  
10 any relevant user ID or other online identifier,  
11 electronic mail addresses, website address, uni-  
12 form resource locator, or other identifying in-  
13 formation;

14           “(B) information relating to when any ap-  
15 parent child pornography was uploaded, trans-  
16 mitted, reported to, or discovered by the elec-  
17 tronic communication service provider or a re-  
18 mote computing service provider, as the case  
19 may be, including a date and time stamp and  
20 time zone.

21           “(C) information relating to geographic lo-  
22 cation of the involved individual or reported  
23 content, including the hosting website, uniform  
24 resource locator, street address, zip code, area

1 code, telephone number, or Internet Protocol  
2 address;

3 “(D) any image of any apparent child por-  
4 nography relating to the incident such report is  
5 regarding; and

6 “(E) accurate contact information for the  
7 electronic communication service provider or re-  
8 mote computing service provider making the re-  
9 port, including the address, telephone number,  
10 facsimile number, electronic mail address of,  
11 and individual point of contact for such elec-  
12 tronic communication service provider or remote  
13 computing service provider.”;

14 (5) by inserting “section 404 of the Missing  
15 Children’s Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5773),” after  
16 “section,” in subsection (g)(1); and

17 (6) by adding at the end thereof the following:

18 “(h) USE OF INFORMATION TO COMBAT CHILD POR-  
19 NOGRAPHY.—The National Center for Missing and Ex-  
20 ploited Children is authorized to provide elements relating  
21 to any image, including the image itself, or other relevant  
22 information reported to its Cyber Tip Line to an electronic  
23 communication service provider or a remote computing  
24 service provider for the sole and exclusive purpose of per-  
25 mitting that electronic communication service provider or

1 remote computing service provider to stop the further  
2 transmission of images and develop anti-child pornography  
3 technologies and related industry best practices. Any elec-  
4 tronic communication service provider or remote com-  
5 puting service provider that receives information from the  
6 National Center for Missing and Exploited Children under  
7 this subsection may use such information only for the pur-  
8 poses described in this subsection.”.

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