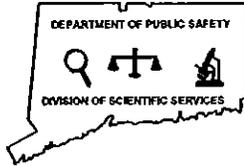




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Judiciary Committee
Legislative Office Building
Hartford, CT 06106

HB 6382 AN ACT CONCERNING COMPUTER CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN

The Department of Public Safety supports this bill.

The Department of Public Safety would like to thank Governor M. Jodi Rell for her proposal regarding computer crimes against children.

Criminals who use the internet to prey upon children present unique challenges to the law enforcement community. They operate in stealth and are often skilled in technology. The exploitation of youth that occurs can have devastating impact on the children who are victimized. It is essential that the law keep pace with the technology and strategies used by these criminals. Passage of this bill is a much needed step toward protecting children from those who would use sophisticated technology both to exploit our children and to hide their identities.

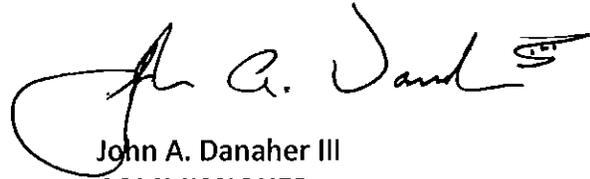
Section one of the bill addresses the solicitation of minors on the internet, and part two improves the procedure for the current ex parte order statute which is used to help fight crimes against children.

Section one of the bill is aimed at individuals who solicit minors over the internet and then coerce them into providing naked images of themselves or into performing sexual acts over webcams or cell phones. This proposed language would address an area of technology that is not currently covered by statute.

Section two of this proposal would make it easier for law enforcement to provide required statutory notification to an individual whose subscriber information has been obtained through an ex parte order. In most cases after the information has been obtained direct contact is made with the individual. It would simplify required procedure to supply the individual with notification in person during this contact, rather than later by mail.

Protection of our children requires not only efforts of parents and law enforcement officials but also our elected officials in making sure that our laws keep pace with a rapidly changing world. Passage of this bill is essential to that ongoing effort.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John A. Danaher III". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "D".

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