

# Committee on Children JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

**Bill No.:** HB-7002

AN ACT CONCERNING THE INCLUSION OF CAMERA, COMPUTER AND  
CELLULAR MOBILE TELEPHONE REPAIR PERSONNEL AS MANDATED

**Title:** REPORTERS.

**Vote Date:** 3/7/2019

**Vote Action:** Joint Favorable Substitute

**PH Date:** 2/7/2019

**File No.:**

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## **SPONSORS OF BILL:**

Committee on Children

## **REASONS FOR BILL:**

To mandate camera, computer, and cellular telephone repair personnel who are eighteen years and older to report cases of child abuse and neglect.

## **RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:**

### **Sarah Eagan, Office of the Child Advocate:**

Sarah expressed her support for this bill. She mentioned that as the technology industry begins to grow states need to take more steps to ensure the safety of all children.

Professionals in the technology industry could potentially save a child's life if they report child abuse or neglect encountered in the field.

### **Steven Hernandez, Commission on Women, Children, and Seniors:**

Steven expressed his support for this bill. He mentioned that the state's interest in protecting children outweighs the privacy rights that individuals might have in regards to their electronic devices. Professionals in the technology industry could have a positive impact on the lives of children by reporting cases of child abuse and neglect. He mentioned that film processors are already required to report in some states. Passing this legislation in Connecticut as well will further protect children.

## **NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:**

See response from administration/agency.

**NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:**

None expressed.

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