



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5468

LCO No. 3287



Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by:
(JUD)

***AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE CRIME OF HARMFUL
COMMUNICATION WITH A MINOR.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2022*) (a) As used in this section:

2 (1) "Minor" means any person under eighteen years of age, or who
3 the actor reasonably believes to be under eighteen years of age;

4 (2) "Interactive computer service" has the same meaning as provided
5 in section 53a-90a of the general statutes;

6 (3) "Harmful to a minor" means communication with a minor by
7 means of an interactive computer device that is patently offensive to
8 prevailing standards in the adult community as a whole with respect to
9 what is a suitable form of communication between an adult and a minor;
10 and

11 (4) "Inappropriate relationship" means a relationship that is patently
12 offensive to prevailing standards in the adult community as a whole
13 with respect to what is a suitable relationship between an adult and a

14 minor.

15 (b) A person, who is twenty-one years of age or older, is guilty of
16 harmful communication with a minor when such person uses an
17 interactive computer service to knowingly persuade, induce, entice or
18 coerce a minor, to: (1) Share a photographic or recorded image of the
19 minor for the purpose of providing sexual gratification to the person
20 who requests that the image be shared, (2) share a photographic or
21 recorded image of the minor, which the person who requests the image
22 then disseminates to one or more third persons for the purpose of
23 providing sexual gratification to such third persons, (3) engage in any
24 communication of a sexual nature with a minor, or that is harmful to a
25 minor, or (4) engage in any communication that is part of a pattern of
26 communication or behavior designed to form or maintain an
27 inappropriate relationship with a minor.

28 (c) Harmful communication with a minor is a class D felony.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>October 1, 2022</i>	New section
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Statement of Purpose:

To establish the crime of harmful communication with a minor.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]