



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 6737***

LCO No. 4240



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, 2023*) (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) "Inappropriate relationship" means a relationship that is patently  
7 offensive to prevailing standards in the adult community as a whole  
8 with respect to what is a suitable relationship between an adult and a  
9 minor; and

10 (4) "Harmful to the minor" means communication with a minor that  
11 is patently offensive to prevailing standards in the adult community as  
12 a whole with respect to what is a suitable form of communication  
13 between an adult and a minor.

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

27 (c) For the purposes of this section, a violation may be deemed to have  
28 been committed either at the place where the communication originated  
29 or at the place where it was received.

30 (d) Harmful communication with a minor is a class A misdemeanor.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>October 1, 2023</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.]*