



General Assembly

Raised Bill No. 6737

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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
2 section:

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

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

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

11 (4) "Harmful to the minor" means communication with a minor that
12 is patently offensive to prevailing standards in the adult community as
13 a whole with respect to what is a suitable form of communication
14 between an adult and a 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 or text message to knowingly persuade,
18 induce, entice or coerce a minor, to: (1) Share a photographic or other
19 recorded image of the minor for the purpose of providing sexual
20 gratification to the person who requests that the image be shared, (2)
21 share a photographic or other recorded image of the minor, which the
22 person who requests the image then disseminates to one or more third
23 persons for the purpose of providing sexual gratification to such third
24 persons, (3) engage in any communication that is part of a pattern of
25 communication or behavior designed to form or maintain an
26 inappropriate relationship, or (4) engage in any communication that is
27 harmful to the minor.

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

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

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2023	New section

JUD *Joint Favorable*