

KIDS ONLINE SAFETY ACT (KOSA) S 1409

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THE PROBLEM

Ungoverned social media platforms are designed to be addictive and use unseen algorithms promoting dangerous content and behavior among children and teens, such as:

- Anonymous and relentless bullying
- Eating disorders
- Suicidal behavior
- Sexually explicit images
- Sexual exploitation
- Substance use
- Ads for alcohol and tobacco

KOSA PRESENTS SOLUTIONS

KOSA Changes social media platforms' focus from a *duty of profit*—exploiting children's developmental vulnerabilities—to a *duty of care*, protecting children's safety and wellbeing.

WHAT KOSA DOES NOT DO:

KOSA poses no threat to encryption or privacy. Since 9/11 Congress has required banks to search all accounts for money laundering by terrorist groups, yet the privacy of our financial accounts remains intact. KOSA protects and does no harm to the LGBTQ+ community.

KOSA WOULD:

- Require platforms to enable the strongest safety settings by default
- Give options for children and teens to protect their information
- Disable addictive product features
- Allow children and teens to opt-out of algorithmic recommendations
- Create new tools for parents to support their children online
- Create a channel of reporting for parents and teachers to report harassment or threats to children on platforms



GET MORE INFORMATION

For a full review of the bill and its provisions, go to <https://bit.ly/protect-us-kosa>, or scan this code.

"Childhood is not for Sale."

EARN IT ACT

S 1207 / HR 2732

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THE PROBLEM

Twenty-five years ago U.S. Courts undermined the 1996 Communications Decency Act. Child Sex Abuse Material (CSAM) was already illegal, but Section 230 was interpreted to give full immunity to internet service providers for their role in the promotion and distribution of CSAM.

- The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children received 32 million reports of Child Sex Abuse Material in the US in 2022. That is 80,000 posts a day abusing children from toddlers to teens. That number is up 8,000% since 2012.
- 42% of those who viewed CSAM report that they sought direct contact with children afterward.

EARN IT PRESENTS SOLUTIONS

Earn It protects the most vulnerable children by incentivizing tech companies to prevent CSAM distribution on their platforms and holds them accountable.

WHAT THE EARN IT ACT DOES NOT DO:

The Earn It Act only applies to CSAM. It will have no effect on the intent of Section 230. The Earn It Act poses no threat to encryption or privacy.



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EARN IT ACT SAYS TO TECH COMPANIES:

- Take the CSAM down
- Congress never intended Section 230 to protect the promotion and distribution of CSAM
- There will be recourse for justice for victims of CSAM
- Platforms must search for CSAM and report to NCMEC the information needed to find the child and to conduct an effective investigation.

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