



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 5242**

LCO No. 1549



Referred to Committee on COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

Introduced by:  
(KID)

***AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ONLINE CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE AND EXPLOITATION TASK FORCE.***

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force  
2 to study the sexual abuse and exploitation of children on or facilitated  
3 by the Internet in the state during the period beginning January 1, 2019,  
4 and ending December 31, 2021. Such study shall include an examination  
5 of (1) the types and frequency of such abuse and exploitation, (2)  
6 grooming tactics utilized by adults in order to engage in such abuse and  
7 exploitation, and (3) any barriers that may prevent the adequate or  
8 timely investigation or prosecution of such abuse and exploitation.

9 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

10 (1) Two appointed by the chairpersons of the joint standing  
11 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
12 relating to children, one of whom has expertise in the prosecution of  
13 child sexual abuse and exploitation originating on the Internet and one  
14 of whom has expertise in data and behavioral trends concerning child  
15 sexual abuse and exploitation;

16 (2) The Commissioner of Children and Families, or the  
17 commissioner's designee;

18 (3) The Commissioner of the Department of Emergency Services and  
19 Public Protection, or the commissioner's designee;

20 (4) The Chief State's Attorney, or the Chief State's Attorney's  
21 designee; and

22 (5) A representative of the Connecticut Police Chiefs Association,  
23 who shall be designated by the president of such association.

24 (c) All initial appointments to the task force shall be made not later  
25 than thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall  
26 be filled by the appointing authority.

27 (d) The chairpersons of the joint standing committee of the General  
28 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to children shall select  
29 the chairperson of the task force from among the members of the task  
30 force. Such chairperson shall schedule the first meeting of the task force,  
31 which shall be held not later than sixty days after the effective date of  
32 this section.

33 (e) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the  
34 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to children  
35 shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

36 (f) Not later than January 1, 2023, the task force shall submit a report  
37 on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of  
38 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to children,  
39 in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.  
40 The report shall include, but not be limited to, (1) the number of  
41 allegations of such abuse and exploitation reported to law enforcement,  
42 (2) the number of such reports that resulted in arrest and the number of  
43 such reports that resulted in prosecution, and (3) to the extent the task  
44 force can determine, the reasons why certain allegations were not  
45 prosecuted. The report shall not contain personally identifying

46 information concerning victims of child sexual abuse or exploitation.  
47 The task force shall terminate on the date that it submits such report or  
48 January 1, 2023, whichever is later.

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

To establish a task force to study the sexual abuse and exploitation of children on or facilitated by the Internet.

*[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.]*