



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5468

February Session, 2022



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) "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 by
11 means of an interactive computer device that is patently offensive to
12 prevailing standards in the adult community as a whole with respect to
13 what is a suitable form of communication 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 to knowingly persuade, induce, entice or

