



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 5842

LCO No. 2384



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Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by:

REP. WELANDER, 114th Dist.

REP. CALLAHAN, 108th Dist.

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE CRIME OF HARMFUL COMMUNICATION
WITH A MINOR.**

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

1 That the general statutes be amended to provide that a person, who
2 is twenty-one years of age or older, is guilty of harmful communication
3 with a minor when such person uses an interactive computer service or
4 text message to knowingly persuade, induce, entice or coerce a minor,
5 to: (1) Share a photographic or other recorded image of the minor for the
6 purpose of providing sexual gratification to the person who requests
7 that the image be shared, (2) share a photographic or other recorded
8 image of the minor, which the person who requests the image then
9 disseminates to one or more third persons for the purpose of providing
10 sexual gratification to such third persons, (3) engage in any
11 communication that is part of a pattern of communication or behavior
12 designed to form or maintain an inappropriate relationship, or (4)
13 engage in any communication that is harmful to the minor.

Statement of Purpose:

To establish the crime of harmful communication with a minor.