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Virginia General Assembly Approves Bill to Restrict Minors' Access to Internet Pornography Websites

On Thursday, February 23, the Virginia General Assembly passed a bill that will require internet websites which predominantly host pornographic material to restrict minors' access to those websites. Websites at which more than 33 and one-third percent of its material is pornographic ("material harmful to minors") would be required to verify the age of users to ensure that the user is 18 years of age or older. Violators can be sued for civil liability by parents. SB 1515 was introduced by State Senator Bill Stanley (R-20).

The state of Louisiana has a similar law, which is already in effect. This approved bill now goes to Governor Youngkin for signing.

In commending the passage of the bill, Susan Muskett, President of Pro-Family Women stated:

"Unfortunately, in too many instances the internet has become a platform facilitating human trafficking and prostitution, and far too many young people have been robbed of their innocence by either stumbling upon or being led to a site with pornographic material. By making it more difficult to use the internet to spread explicit sexual content to minors, this bill is a common sense safeguard for the children of Virginia."

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