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Mr. CORNYN (for himself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “CyberTipline Mod-
5 ernization Act of 2018”.

1 **SEC. 2. ALTERATIONS TO REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR**
2 **ELECTRONIC SERVICE PROVIDERS AND RE-**
3 **MOTE COMPUTING SERVICE PROVIDERS.**

4 Section 2258A of title 18, United States Code, is
5 amended—

6 (1) in the heading, by striking “**electronic**
7 **communication service providers and re-**
8 **mote computing service providers**” and in-
9 serting “**providers**”;

10 (2) in subsection (a)—

11 (A) by amending paragraph (1) to read as
12 follows:

13 “(1) IN GENERAL.—

14 “(A) DUTY.—In order to reduce the pro-
15 liferation of online child sexual exploitation and
16 to prevent the online sexual exploitation of chil-
17 dren, a provider—

18 “(i) shall, as soon as reasonably pos-
19 sible after obtaining actual knowledge of
20 any facts or circumstances described in
21 paragraph (2)(A), take the actions de-
22 scribed in subparagraph (B); and

23 “(ii) may, after obtaining actual
24 knowledge of any facts or circumstances
25 described in paragraph (2)(B), take the ac-
26 tions described in subparagraph (B).

1 “(B) ACTIONS DESCRIBED.—The actions
2 described in this subparagraph are—

3 “(i) providing to the CyberTipline of
4 NCMEC, or any successor to the Cyber-
5 Tipline operated by NCMEC, the mailing
6 address, telephone number, facsimile num-
7 ber, electronic mailing address of, and indi-
8 vidual point of contact for, such provider;
9 and

10 “(ii) making a report of such facts or
11 circumstances to the CyberTipline, or any
12 successor to the CyberTipline operated by
13 NCMEC.”; and

14 (B) by amending paragraph (2) to read as
15 follows:

16 “(2) FACTS OR CIRCUMSTANCES.—

17 “(A) APPARENT VIOLATIONS.—The facts
18 or circumstances described in this subparagraph
19 are any facts or circumstances from which there
20 is an apparent violation of section 2251,
21 2251A, 2252, 2252A, 2252B, or 2260 that in-
22 volves child pornography.

23 “(B) IMMINENT VIOLATIONS.—The facts
24 or circumstances described in this subparagraph
25 are any facts or circumstances which indicate a

1 violation of any of the sections described in sub-
2 paragraph (A) involving child pornography may
3 be planned or imminent.”;

4 (3) in subsection (b)—

5 (A) in the matter preceding paragraph
6 (1)—

7 (i) by striking “To the extent” and in-
8 serting “In an effort to prevent the future
9 sexual victimization of children, and to the
10 extent”;

11 (ii) by striking “an electronic commu-
12 nication service provider or a remote com-
13 puting service provider” and inserting “a
14 provider”; and

15 (iii) by striking “may include” and in-
16 serting “may, at the sole discretion of the
17 provider, include”;

18 (B) in paragraph (1)—

19 (i) by inserting “or plans to violate”
20 after “who appears to have violated”; and

21 (ii) by inserting “payment information
22 (excluding personally identifiable informa-
23 tion),” after “uniform resource locator,”;

24 (C) in paragraph (2)—

1 (i) by striking “an electronic commu-
2 nication service provider or a remote com-
3 puting service provider” and inserting “a
4 provider”;

5 (ii) by striking “apparent child por-
6 nography” each place it appears and in-
7 serting “content relating to the report”;
8 and

9 (iii) by striking “the electronic com-
10 munication service provider or a remote
11 computing service provider” and inserting
12 “the provider”;

13 (D) by amending paragraph (3) to read as
14 follows:

15 “(3) GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION INFORMATION.—
16 Information relating to the geographic location of
17 the involved individual or website, which may include
18 the Internet Protocol address or verified address, or,
19 if not reasonably available, at least one form of geo-
20 graphic identifying information, including area code
21 or zip code, provided by the customer or subscriber,
22 or stored or obtained by the provider.”;

23 (E) in paragraph (4)—

1 (i) in the heading by striking “IM-
2 AGES” and inserting “VISUAL DEPIC-
3 TIONS”;

4 (ii) by striking “image” and inserting
5 “visual depiction”; and

6 (iii) by inserting “or other content”
7 after “apparent child pornography”; and
8 (F) in paragraph (5)—

9 (i) by striking “image” and inserting
10 “visual depiction”;

11 (ii) by inserting “or other content”
12 after “apparent child pornography”; and

13 (iii) by striking “images” and insert-
14 ing “visual depictions”;

15 (4) by amending subsection (c) to read as fol-
16 lows:

17 “(c) FORWARDING OF REPORT TO LAW ENFORCE-
18 MENT.—Pursuant to its clearinghouse role as a private,
19 nonprofit organization, and at the conclusion of its review
20 in furtherance of its nonprofit mission, NCMEC shall
21 make available each report made under subsection (a)(1)
22 to one or more of the following law enforcement agencies:

23 “(1) Any Federal law enforcement agency that
24 is involved in the investigation of child sexual exploi-
25 tation, kidnapping, or enticement crimes.

1 “(2) Any State or local law enforcement agency
2 that is involved in the investigation of child sexual
3 exploitation.

4 “(3) A foreign law enforcement agency des-
5 ignated by the Attorney General under subsection
6 (d)(3) or a foreign law enforcement agency that has
7 an established relationship with the Federal Bureau
8 of Investigation, Immigration and Customs Enforce-
9 ment, or INTERPOL, and is involved in the inves-
10 tigation of child sexual exploitation, kidnapping, or
11 enticement crimes.”;

12 (5) in subsection (d)—

13 (A) in paragraph (2), by striking “shall
14 designate promptly the” and inserting “may
15 designate a”;

16 (B) in paragraph (3)—

17 (i) in the matter preceding subpara-
18 graph (A), by striking “shall promptly”
19 and inserting “may”; and

20 (ii) in subparagraph (A), by striking
21 “designate the” and inserting “designate”;

22 (C) in paragraph (4)—

23 (i) by striking “shall” and inserting
24 “may”;

1 (ii) by striking “the National Center
2 for Missing and Exploited Children” and
3 inserting “NCMEC”; and

4 (iii) by striking “electronic commu-
5 nication service providers, remote com-
6 puting service providers” and inserting
7 “providers”;

8 (D) by striking paragraph (5);

9 (E) by redesignating paragraph (6) as
10 paragraph (5); and

11 (F) by amending paragraph (5), as so re-
12 designated, to read as follows:

13 “(5) NOTIFICATION TO PROVIDERS.—

14 “(A) IN GENERAL.—NCMEC may notify a
15 provider of the information described in sub-
16 paragraph (B), if—

17 “(i) a provider notifies NCMEC that
18 the provider is making a report under this
19 section as the result of a request by a for-
20 eign law enforcement agency; and

21 “(ii) NCMEC forwards the report de-
22 scribed in clause (i) to—

23 “(I) the requesting foreign law
24 enforcement agency; or

1 “(II) another agency in the same
2 country designated by the Attorney
3 General under paragraph (3) or that
4 has an established relationship with
5 the Federal Bureau of Investigation,
6 U.S. Immigration and Customs En-
7 forcement, or INTERPOL and is in-
8 volved in the investigation of child
9 sexual exploitation, kidnapping, or en-
10 ticement crimes.

11 “(B) INFORMATION DESCRIBED.—The in-
12 formation described in this subparagraph is—

13 “(i) the identity of the foreign law en-
14 forcement agency to which the report was
15 forwarded; and

16 “(ii) the date on which the report was
17 forwarded.

18 “(C) NOTIFICATION OF INABILITY TO FOR-
19 WARD REPORT.—If a provider notifies NCMEC
20 that the provider is making a report under this
21 section as the result of a request by a foreign
22 law enforcement agency and NCMEC is unable
23 to forward the report as described in subpara-
24 graph (A)(ii), NCMEC shall notify the provider

1 that NCMEC was unable to forward the re-
2 port.”;

3 (6) in subsection (e), by striking “An electronic
4 communication service provider or remote computing
5 service provider” and inserting “A provider”;

6 (7) in subsection (f)—

7 (A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1),
8 by striking “an electronic communication serv-
9 ice provider or remote computing service pro-
10 vider” and inserting “a provider”; and

11 (B) in paragraph (3), by striking “seek”
12 and inserting “search, screen, or scan for”;

13 (8) in subsection (g)—

14 (A) in paragraph (2)—

15 (i) in subparagraph (A)(vi), by strik-
16 ing “an electronic communication service
17 provider or remote computing service pro-
18 vider” and inserting “a provider”; and

19 (ii) by amending subparagraph (B) to
20 read as follows:

21 “(B) LIMITATION.—Nothing in subpara-
22 graph (A)(vi) authorizes a law enforcement
23 agency to provide visual depictions of apparent
24 child pornography to a provider.”;

25 (B) in paragraph (3)—

1 (i) in the paragraph heading, by strik-
2 ing “THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR MISSING
3 AND EXPLOITED CHILDREN” and inserting
4 “NCMEC”;

5 (ii) in the matter preceding subpara-
6 graph (A)—

7 (I) by striking “The National
8 Center for Missing and Exploited
9 Children” and inserting “NCMEC”;

10 (II) by inserting after “may dis-
11 close” the following: “by mail, elec-
12 tronic transmission, or other reason-
13 able means,”; and

14 (III) by striking “only” and in-
15 sserting “only to”;

16 (iii) in subparagraph (A)—

17 (I) by striking “ to any Federal
18 law enforcement agency” and insert-
19 ing “any Federal law enforcement
20 agency”; and

21 (II) by inserting before the semi-
22 colon at the end the following: “or
23 that is involved in the investigation of
24 child sexual exploitation, kidnapping,
25 or enticement crimes”;

1 (iv) in subparagraph (B)—

2 (I) by striking “to any State”
3 and inserting “any State”; and

4 (II) by striking “child pornog-
5 raphy, child exploitation” and insert-
6 ing “child sexual exploitation”;

7 (v) in subparagraph (C)—

8 (I) by striking “to any foreign
9 law enforcement agency” and insert-
10 ing “any foreign law enforcement
11 agency”; and

12 (II) by striking “; and” and in-
13 serting “or that has an established re-
14 lationship with the Federal Bureau of
15 Investigation, Immigration and Cus-
16 toms Enforcement, or INTERPOL,
17 and is involved in the investigation of
18 child sexual exploitation, kidnapping,
19 or enticement crimes;”;

20 (vi) in subparagraph (D)—

21 (I) by striking “to an electronic
22 communication service provider or re-
23 mote computing service provider” and
24 inserting “a provider”; and

1 (II) by striking the period at the
2 end and inserting “; and”; and

3 (vii) by adding after subparagraph
4 (D) the following:

5 “(E) respond to legal process, as nec-
6 essary.”; and

7 (C) by adding at the end the following:

8 “(4) PERMITTED DISCLOSURE BY A PRO-
9 VIDER.—A provider that submits a report under
10 subsection (a)(1) may disclose by mail, electronic
11 transmission, or other reasonable means, informa-
12 tion, including visual depictions contained in the re-
13 port, in a manner consistent with permitted disclo-
14 sures under paragraphs (3) through (8) of section
15 2702(b) only to a law enforcement agency described
16 in subparagraph (A), (B), or (C) of paragraph (3),
17 to NCMEC, or as necessary to respond to legal proc-
18 ess.”; and

19 (9) in subsection (h)—

20 (A) in paragraph (1)—

21 (i) by striking “the notification to an
22 electronic communication service provider
23 or a remote computing service provider by
24 the CyberTipline of receipt of a report”
25 and inserting “a completed submission by

1 a provider of a report to the CyberTip-
2 line”; and

3 (ii) by striking “, as if such request
4 was made pursuant to section 2703(f)”
5 and inserting “the contents provided in the
6 report for 90 days after the submission to
7 the CyberTipline”;

8 (B) by striking paragraph (2);

9 (C) by redesignating paragraphs (3)
10 through (5) as paragraphs (2) through (4), re-
11 spectively;

12 (D) in paragraph (2), as so redesignated—

13 (i) in the heading, by striking “IM-
14 AGES” and inserting “CONTENT”;

15 (ii) by striking “an electronic commu-
16 nication service provider or a remote com-
17 puting service” and inserting “a provider”;

18 (iii) by striking “images” and insert-
19 ing “visual depictions”; and

20 (iv) by striking “commingled or inter-
21 spersed among the images of apparent
22 child pornography within a particular com-
23 munication or user created folder or direc-
24 tory” and inserting “reasonably accessible
25 and may provide context or additional in-

1 formation about the reported material or
2 person”; and

3 (E) in paragraph (3), as so redesignated,
4 by striking “An electronic communication serv-
5 ice provider or a remote computing service” and
6 inserting “A provider”.

7 **SEC. 3. LIMITED LIABILITY FOR PROVIDERS OR DOMAIN**
8 **NAME REGISTRARS.**

9 Section 2258B of title 18, United States Code, is
10 amended—

11 (1) in the heading—

12 (A) by striking “**electronic commu-**
13 **nication service providers, remote**
14 **computing service providers,”** and in-
15 serting “**providers**”; and

16 (B) by striking “**registrar**” and insert-
17 ing “**registrars**”;

18 (2) in subsection (a)—

19 (A) by striking “an electronic communica-
20 tion service provider, remote computing service
21 provider,” and inserting “a provider”; and

22 (B) by striking “such electronic commu-
23 nication service provider, remote computing
24 service provider,” and inserting “such pro-
25 vider”;

1 (3) in subsection (b), by striking “electronic
2 communication service provider, remote computing
3 service provider,” each place it appears and inserting
4 “provider”; and

5 (4) in subsection (c)—

6 (A) by striking “image” each place it ap-
7 pears and inserting “visual depiction”; and

8 (B) in the matter preceding paragraph (1),
9 by striking “An electronic communication serv-
10 ice provider, a remote computing service pro-
11 vider,” and inserting “A provider”.

12 **SEC. 4. USE TO COMBAT CHILD PORNOGRAPHY OF TECH-**
13 **NICAL ELEMENTS RELATING TO REPORTS**
14 **MADE TO CYBERTIPLINE.**

15 Section 2258C of title 18, United States Code, is
16 amended—

17 (1) in the heading, by striking “**to images**
18 **reported to**” and inserting “**to reports made**
19 **to**”;

20 (2) in subsection (a)—

21 (A) in paragraph (1)—

22 (i) by striking “The National Center
23 for Missing and Exploited Children” and
24 inserting “NCMEC”;

1 (ii) by striking “apparent child por-
2 nography image of an identified child” and
3 inserting “CyberTipline report”;

4 (iii) by striking “an electronic commu-
5 nication service provider or a remote com-
6 puting service provider” and inserting “a
7 provider”;

8 (iv) by striking “that electronic com-
9 munication service provider or remote com-
10 puting service provider” and inserting
11 “that provider”; and

12 (v) by striking “further transmission
13 of images” and inserting “online sexual ex-
14 ploitation of children”;

15 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking “specific
16 image, Internet location of images, and other
17 technological elements that can be used to iden-
18 tify and stop the transmission of child pornog-
19 raphy” and inserting “specific visual depiction,
20 including an Internet location and any other
21 elements provided in a CyberTipline report that
22 can be used to identify, prevent, curtail, or stop
23 the transmission of child pornography and pre-
24 vent the online sexual exploitation of children”;
25 and

1 (C) in paragraph (3), by striking “actual
2 images” and inserting “actual visual depictions
3 of apparent child pornography”;

4 (3) in subsection (b)—

5 (A) in the heading, by striking “**elec-**
6 **tronic communication service pro-**
7 **viders and remote computing service**
8 **providers**” and inserting “**providers**”;

9 (B) by striking “electronic communication
10 service provider or remote computing service
11 provider” each place it appears and inserting
12 “provider”;

13 (C) by striking “apparent child pornog-
14 raphy image of an identified child from the Na-
15 tional Center for Missing and Exploited Chil-
16 dren” and inserting “CyberTipline report from
17 NCMEC”;

18 (D) by striking “shall not relieve that” and
19 inserting “shall not relieve the”; and

20 (E) by striking “its reporting obligations”
21 and inserting “reporting”;

22 (4) in subsection (c)—

23 (A) by striking “electronic communication
24 service providers or remote computing service
25 providers” and inserting “providers”;

1 (B) by striking “apparent child pornog-
2 raphy image of an identified child from the Na-
3 tional Center for Missing and Exploited Chil-
4 dren” and inserting “CyberTipline report from
5 NCMEC”; and

6 (C) by striking “further transmission of
7 the images” and inserting “online sexual exploi-
8 tation of children”;

9 (5) in subsection (d)—

10 (A) by striking “The National Center for
11 Missing and Exploited Children shall” and in-
12 serting “NCMEC may”;

13 (B) by inserting after “local law enforce-
14 ment” the following: “, and to foreign law en-
15 forcement agencies described in section
16 2258A(c)(3)”;

17 (C) by striking “investigation of child por-
18 nography” and inserting “investigation of child
19 sexual exploitation”;

20 (D) by striking “image of an identified
21 child” and inserting “visual depiction”; and

22 (E) by striking “reported to the National
23 Center for Missing and Exploited Children”
24 and inserting “reported to the CyberTipline”;
25 and

1 (6) in subsection (e)—

2 (A) by inserting before “Federal” the fol-
3 lowing: “foreign,”;

4 (B) by striking “image of an identified
5 child from the National Center for Missing and
6 Exploited Children under section (d)” and in-
7 serting “visual depiction from NCMEC under
8 subsection (d)”;

9 (C) by striking “child pornography crimes”
10 and inserting “child sexual exploitation
11 crimes,”; and

12 (D) by inserting before the period at the
13 end the following: “and prevent future sexual
14 victimization of children”.

15 **SEC. 5. LIMITED LIABILITY FOR NCMEC.**

16 Section 2258D of title 18, United States Code, is
17 amended—

18 (1) in the heading, by striking “**the National**
19 **Center for Missing and Exploited Chil-**
20 **dren**” and inserting “**NCMEC**”;

21 (2) in subsection (a)—

22 (A) by striking “Except as provided” and
23 inserting “Pursuant to its clearinghouse role as
24 a private, nonprofit organization and its mis-
25 sion to help find missing children, reduce online

1 sexual exploitation of children and prevent fu-
2 ture victimization, and except as provided”;

3 (B) by striking “the National Center for
4 Missing and Exploited Children” and inserting
5 “NCMEC”;

6 (C) by striking “(42 U.S.C. 5773)” and
7 inserting “(34 U.S.C. 11293)”;

8 (D) by striking “such center” each place it
9 appears and inserting “NCMEC”; and

10 (E) by striking “from the effort” and in-
11 serting “from the efforts”;

12 (3) in subsection (b)—

13 (A) by striking “the National Center for
14 Missing and Exploited Children” and inserting
15 “NCMEC”;

16 (B) by striking “such center” and insert-
17 ing “NCMEC”; and

18 (C) by striking “(42 U.S.C. 5773)” and
19 inserting “(34 U.S.C. 11293)”;

20 (4) in subsection (d)—

21 (A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1),
22 by striking “The National Center for Missing
23 and Exploited Children” and inserting
24 “NCMEC”; and

1 (B) by striking “image” each place it ap-
2 pears and inserting “visual depiction”.

3 **SEC. 6. DEFINITIONS.**

4 Section 2258E of title 18, United States Code, is
5 amended—

6 (1) in paragraph (5), by striking “and” at the
7 end;

8 (2) in paragraph (6), by striking the period at
9 the end and inserting a semicolon; and

10 (3) by inserting after paragraph (6) the fol-
11 lowing:

12 “(7) the term ‘provider’ means an electronic
13 communication service provider or remote computing
14 service; and

15 “(8) the term ‘NCMEC’ means the National
16 Center for Missing & Exploited Children.”.

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