

HB 919 -- PROTECT YOUNG MINDS ONLINE ACT

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This bill creates the "Protect Young Minds Online Act", which establishes requirements for Internet Service Providers to authenticate access to obscene websites when providing Internet service to subscribers. An Internet Service Provider is not liable for any penalty provided in the bill if the provider makes a good faith effort to apply a generally accepted and commercially reasonable method of compliance and the method or technology has the ability to discover and authenticate new obscene websites and fulfills the requirements of the bill.

A subscriber who knowingly provides a minor with his or her authentication in order to access an obscene website is guilty of a class A misdemeanor. The Attorney General may seek injunctive and other equitable relief against an Internet Service Provider that fails to comply with the provisions in the bill.