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119TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

To amend the Children’s Online Privacy Protection Act of 1998 to promote  
online safety for minors, and for other purposes.

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**IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

Ms. LEE of Florida introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**A BILL**

To amend the Children’s Online Privacy Protection Act of  
1998 to promote online safety for minors, and for other  
purposes.

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 “Promoting a Safe  
5 Internet for Minors Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. ONLINE SAFETY FOR MINORS.**

7       (a) AMENDMENT.—Subtitle A of the Protecting Chil-  
8 dren in the 21st Century Act (15 U.S.C. 6551 et seq.)

1 is amended by striking sections 211 through 214 and 216  
2 and inserting the following:

3 **“SEC. 211. PUBLIC AWARENESS AND EDUCATIONAL CAM-**  
4 **PAIGN.**

5 “Not later than 180 days after the date of the enact-  
6 ment of this section, the Commission, in partnership with  
7 the heads of other relevant agencies, State and local gov-  
8 ernments, nonprofit organizations, schools, industry, law  
9 enforcement, medical professionals, and other appropriate  
10 entities, shall carry out a program throughout the United  
11 States to promote the safe use of the internet by minors,  
12 that includes the following:

13 “(1) The identification, promotion, and encour-  
14 agement of best practices for educators, online plat-  
15 forms, minors, and parents and guardians to protect  
16 minors online.

17 “(2) The establishment and implementation of  
18 an outreach and education campaign throughout the  
19 United States that promotes online safety for mi-  
20 nors.

21 “(3) The facilitation of access to, and the ex-  
22 change of, information regarding online safety for  
23 minors to promote up-to-date knowledge regarding  
24 harms and risks negatively impacting or benefits  
25 positively impacting minors online.

1           “(4) The facilitation of access to publicly acces-  
2           sible online safety education and public awareness  
3           efforts by other relevant agencies, State and local  
4           governments, nonprofit organizations, schools, indus-  
5           try, and other appropriate entities.

6   **“SEC. 212. ANNUAL REPORT.**

7           “Not later than 1 year after the date of the enact-  
8           ment of this section, and annually thereafter for 10 years,  
9           the Commission shall submit to the Committee on Com-  
10          merce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the  
11          Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of  
12          Representatives a report that describes the activities car-  
13          ried out under section 211.

14   **“SEC. 213. DEFINITIONS.**

15          “In this subtitle:

16               “(1) AGENCY.—The term ‘agency’ has the  
17               meaning given that term in section 551 of title 5,  
18               United States Code.

19               “(2) COMMISSION.—The term ‘Commission’  
20               means the Federal Trade Commission.

21               “(3) MINOR.—The term ‘minor’ means an indi-  
22               vidual under the age of 17.

23               “(4) NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION.—The term  
24               ‘nonprofit organization’ means an organization that  
25               is described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Rev-

1        enue Code of 1986 and exempt from taxation under  
2        section 501(a) of such Code.

3            “(5) ONLINE SAFETY.—The term ‘online safety’  
4        includes issues regarding the use of the internet in  
5        a manner that promotes safe online activity for mi-  
6        nors through the following:

7            “(A) Protecting minors from cybercrimes,  
8        access to narcotics, tobacco products, gambling,  
9        alcohol, and other adult content.

10          “(B) Preventing compulsive behavior on-  
11        line and other adverse impacts on the physical  
12        and mental health of minors.

13          “(C) Facilitating the effective use of safe-  
14        guards, parental controls, and other tools to  
15        empower parents, guardians, and minors to pro-  
16        tect minors online.

17          “(6) STATE.—The term ‘State’ means each of  
18        the several States, the District of Columbia, each  
19        commonwealth, territory, or possession of the United  
20        States, and each federally recognized Indian Tribe.”.

21        (b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—  
22        The table of contents for subtitle A of the Protecting Chil-  
23        dren in the 21st Century Act (15 U.S.C. 6551 et seq.)  
24        is amended—

- 1           (1) by striking the items related to sections 211
- 2           through 214 and 216; and
- 3           (2) inserting before section 215 the following:

“Sec. 211. Public awareness and educational campaign.

“Sec. 212. Annual report.

“Sec. 213. Definitions.”.