

H.F. 341

First division engrossment

Subject Criminal penalties and sentencing of child pornography

Authors Mariani

Analyst Jeff Diebel

Date March 14, 2019

Overview

This bill contains a variety of provisions related to child pornography.

Summary

Section Description

1 Use of minor.

Increases the statutory maximum penalty for using a minor in a sexual performance or pornographic work if the victim is under the age of 13 or the offender is a repeat offender or is registered as a predatory offender.

2 Operation or ownership of business.

Increases the statutory maximum penalty for a business owner who shows a pornographic work involving a minor if the victim is under the age of 13 or the offender is a repeat offender or is registered as a predatory offender.

3 **Dissemination.**

Increases the statutory maximum penalty for dissemination of child pornography for a profit to 15 years if the victim is under the age of 13 or the offender is a repeat offender or is registered as a predatory offender.

4 Conditional release term.

Increases the conditional release term for offenders convicted of child pornography for profit from ten years to 15 years for repeat offenders.

5 **Dissemination prohibited.**

Increases the statutory maximum sentence for dissemination of child pornography to 15 years for offenses that have a victim under the age of 13.

6 **Possession prohibited.**

Increases the statutory maximum sentence for possession of child pornography to ten years for offenses that have a victim under the age of 13.

Description Criminal release term. Increases the conditional release term for offenders convicted of child pornography from ten years to 15 years for repeat offenders. Sentencing guidelines modification. Requires the Minnesota Sentencing Guidelines Commission to comprehensively review and consider modifying how the Guidelines and the Grid treat child pornography crimes.



Minnesota House Research Department provides nonpartisan legislative, legal, and information services to the Minnesota House of Representatives. This document can be made available in alternative formats.

www.house.mn/hrd | 651-296-6753 | 600 State Office Building | St. Paul, MN 55155