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## ***Pandemic ends Maryland General Assembly early; little accomplished!***

MCAP testified on several bills that were introduced in the Maryland General Assembly in February. See below for a summation of those dealing with the issue of sexting by minors came before committees in both the House and Senate in February, as well as other issues: a resolution declaring pornography to be a public health crisis, and raising the penalty for possession of child porn to a felony on the first possession. The list can be viewed on the MCAP web page, <http://mcap1.com/mcap/legislation>, with links to details and history for each bill.

However, the COVID-19 pandemic closed the legislative season before any decisions could be reached. It will not be an easy deliberation, with so many options being considered, as illustrated by the chart below:

**Comparison of 2020 Sexting Bills**

Bill Number(s):	Is Sexting Defined?	Is Sexting Removed from Pornography & Obsenity Laws?	Will Children Avoid Treatment as a Juvenile Delinquent?	Will Children Avoid Commitment to an Out-of-Home Placement?	Will Children Receive Preventative Education in Schools?	Will Families be Engaged?
HB 501/ SB 365	✗	✗	✗	In Part	✗	✗
HB 272	✓	✗	✗	In Part	✗	✗
SB 45	✗	In Part	In Part	In Part	✗	✗
HB 931	✗	In Part	✓	✓	✗	✗
HB 1245	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓





Peggy Cairns, describing how cell phones have become weaponized by minors.

**PORN – IT STILL NEEDS TO BE RECOGNIZED AS A PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS**

**Want to ensure no child has to grow up under the shadow of sexual abuse and exploitation?**

Join thousands of others at the FREE Online #CESESummit this July 18-28!





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FREE! Click [here](#) to register! The linchpin annual event for the worldwide movement to end all forms of sexual exploitation is going online this year so more abolitionists can join us from around the world. You will learn from top experts, and participate in interactive working groups, this July 18-28. Over these 10 days, you will have the opportunity to learn from 100+ presenters from 25+ countries. NCOSE has made the event FREE for all who share our vision of defending human dignity. The Summit will cover critical topics like protecting kids online, working with survivors of abuse, overcoming pornography harms, curbing sex trafficking, and more.

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In a prior newsletter, the Bark app was reviewed as a helpful smart phone app that can help parents monitor and report dangerous activity by children. Bark clients had also asked for screen time controls for risky individual apps on phones, and there is progress to report. Now these features are available. Want to turn off Instagram but still allow Facebook? No problem! Ready to block YouTube but think Google Chrome is okay? Now, you can totally do that! Bark has updated its **screen time tool**.



Social Media

- Facebook: Blocked
- Instagram: Blocked
- Pinterest: Allowed
- Skype: Allowed
- Snapchat: Blocked
- TikTok: Allowed

Here are 5 key things to know about sexting:

- Roughly 1 in 4 teens reports sending or receiving a nude, semi-nude, or sexually explicit photo via electronic communication.
- Many teens believe that sexting is a normal form of intimate communication in romantic and sexual relationships.
- The emotional consequences of having no control over images of one's body can be devastating, especially to a teen.
- Coercion happens. Research has found that less than 8% of young women send nudes because they want to. Sexting is often about power and control, not sexual experimentation.
- Parents can model healthy behavior by requesting consent each time they want to upload a family photo to social media. Parents who model this kind of behavior demonstrate to their kids that one should be in control of images of themselves.

Want more information on sexting? Check out [Sexting & the Online Digital Footprint \(Module 7\)](#)

# ACTION BOX

[+] The Executive Board has several opportunities for you to learn how to advocate for decency in the fight against pornography. We are looking for volunteer helpers to mentor in areas of public education, lobbying State and Local elected officials and general association management. We have a solid team and are looking to expand our reach. Anyone interested in joining in this exciting endeavor, please call 301-439-8475 or email us at [mcapinc@juno.com](mailto:mcapinc@juno.com).

[+] We hope you will participate in our No-Show Fundraiser! Please see the flyer enclosed. **DONATIONS** can be made by clicking [here](#).

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