

**JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY
BILL SUMMARY**

BILL NO. H2042

TITLE: An Act relative to child protection

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HEARING DATE: TBD

PRIOR HISTORY: None

SENATE BILL: None

CURRENT LAW: Section 28 of Chapter 272 of the General Laws prohibits the purposeful dissemination or possession with intent to disseminate any matter harmful to minors to a person known or believed to be a minor. Violation is punishable by up to 5 years in state prison or up to 2.5 years in jail or fine of \$1,000 - \$10,000, or both fine and imprisonment. Defenses to prosecution are: (i) the defendant was in a parental or guardianship relationship with the minor; or (ii) the defendant was a bona fide school, museum or library employee acting in the course of their employment of such organization or of

a retail outlet affiliated with and serving the educational purposes of such organization.

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Section 1 – Strikes from Section 28 the second defense listed as (ii) above.