

## **Joint Committee on Advanced Information Technology, the Internet and Cybersecurity 2025-2026 (194th) Bill Summary**

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**Bill Number:** H. 84

**Title:** An Act creating a task force to study the use of the internet by sex offenders

**Lead Sponsor:** Representative Bradley H. Jones Jr.

**Hearing Date:** July 10, 2025

**Report Date:** September 8, 2025

**Executive Summary:** Establishes a task force under the joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security to report on electronic communications and the feasibility of tracking sex offender internet use.

**Legislative History:** Filed as H.2152 (2013-14) Referred to Public Safety; Sent to study  
Filed as H.2142 (2015-16) Referred to Public Safety; Reported favorably to Rules  
Filed as H.2143 (2017-18) Referred to Public Safety; Reported favorably to Rules  
Filed as H.2083 (2019-20) Referred to Public Safety; Reported favorably to Rules  
Filed as H.123 (2021-22) Referred to AITIC; Reported favorably to Rules; reported favorably to HWM.  
Filed as H. 67 (2023-24) Referred to AITIC; Reported favorably to Rules

### **Summary:**

Establishes a task force under the Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security to report on electronic communications and the feasibility of tracking sex offender internet use, via methods including but not limited to: internet protocol addresses, media access control addresses, internet service providers, electronic mail, and instant messaging.

The task force's study shall address, but not be limited to, the following areas: current laws and regulations; other states laws, regulations, and efforts; the feasibility of registration of sex offenders' online addresses; and relevant civil liberties issues.

The task force shall consist of: three members of the Joint Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities, and Energy, two to be appointed by the chair, one to be appointed by the House Minority leader; three members of the Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, two to be appointed by the chair, one to be appointed by the House minority leader; one member of the state police, to be appointed by the colonel of the state police; one licensed attorney, with experience in

civil rights' cases, to be appointed by the Attorney General; and four experts to be appointed by the commissioners of the Department of Public Utilities upon a majority vote, provided two of the experts have had significant knowledge of a private telecommunications company.