SB 104 - Childhood Device Protection Act 

(Senator Todd Weiler, Rep. Susan Pulsipher)

This bill protects children from possible exposure to pornography.

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**Background:**

* This bill is part of a larger social and legislative movement to protect children from the harms of pornography and sexual exploitation.
* Current research shows that pornography exposure contributes to poor mental health in children and teens.
* This bill aims to protect children from harmful media and individuals that are seeking to exploit them.

**What the bill does:**

* Requires a tablet or a smartphone (a device) manufactured on or after January 1,2025, to automatically enable a filter upon device activation by a minor;
* Requires the filter enabled for minors at activation to:prevent a minor user of the device from accessing material that is obscene; and allow adult users and parents or legal guardians to deactivate and reactivate the filter with a password;
* Permits the attorney general to bring civil actions against manufacturers of device that do not comply with this bill;
* Permits private civil actions by parents and guardians of minors against manufacturers and others who violate provisions of this bill;
* Makes it a criminal offense for any person, with the exception of a parent or legal guardian, to enable the removal of the filter on a device in the possession of a minor.

**What the bill doesn’t do:**

* Retailers will not be sued for noncompliance with this bill.

**Questions to ask your legislator?**

* Do you support protecting Utah’s children against accidental or intentional exposure to obscene material on a smart phone or device?
* Do you support holding manufacturers accountable for violating laws that protect children from being exposed to obscene material on their devices?

**Share your story:**

* How would this impact your life?
* How have you seen this issue in your life?