

HB 525-FN - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL ***525-FN***

AN ACT relative to the seizure of personal computers and other electronic devices in child sexual assault cases.

SPONSORS: Rep. Marston, Hills. 19

COMMITTEE: Criminal Justice and Public Safety

ANALYSIS

This bill allows the seizure of a personal computer or other electronic device that has been used for the possession, distribution, or manufacture of child sexual abuse images or child exploitation, based on probable cause and without a search warrant.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
 Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough]~~
 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty One

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Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 1 Name of Act. This act shall be known as Blake's Law.

2 2 New Section; Child Sexual Abuse Images; Seizure of Personal Computer or Other Electronic
3 Device. Amend RSA 649-A by inserting after section 6 the following new section:

4 649-A:6-a Seizure of Personal Computer or Other Electronic Device. A law enforcement officer
5 who has probable cause to believe that a personal computer or other electronic device is being used
6 to violate any provision of this chapter may, without obtaining a search warrant, seize such personal
7 computer or other electronic device as evidence.

8 3 New Section; Computer Pornography and Child Exploitation Prevention; Seizure of Personal
9 Computer or Other Electronic Device. Amend RSA 649-B by inserting after section 6 the following
10 new section:

11 649-B:7 Seizure of Personal Computer or Other Electronic Device. A law enforcement officer
12 who has probable cause to believe that a personal computer or other electronic device is being used
13 to violate any provision of this chapter may, without obtaining a search warrant, seize such personal
14 computer or other electronic device as evidence.

15 4 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2022.

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**HB 525-FN- FISCAL NOTE
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FISCAL IMPACT:

The Legislative Budget Assistant has determined that this legislation, as introduced, has a total fiscal impact of less than \$10,000 in each of the fiscal years 2021 through 2024.

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

None