

Bill Number: SB 226
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Support

WRITTEN TESTIMONY OF SCOTT D. SHELLENBERGER,
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IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 226
CRIMINAL LAW – CHILD PORNOGRAPHY – ACCESSING WITH INTENT TO VIEW

I write in support of Senate Bill 226 that would update the State's child pornography laws and the way child pornography can be viewed.

Under Criminal Law §11-208 it is currently illegal for a person to possess and intentionally retain child pornography in the form of a film, photograph, etc.

During current times it is possible to view and access child pornography without retaining it. Adding the element of knowingly or intentionally accessing with the intent to view brings our child pornography statute up to date with current computer uses and functions.

I urge a favorable report.