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Legislative Update, March 13, 2002

State Bill #	<u>Connecticut</u> R.B. 406	<u>Florida</u> H.B. 663	<u>Florida</u> S.B. 730
Intro. date	2/22/2002	1/22/2002	1/22/2002
Subject	Would make it illegal to disseminate to a minor material harmful to minors by the Internet. It would also expand the definition of child pornography to include images that appear to be a minor and images modified to appear to be a specific minor engaged in sexual activity.	Would prohibit the sale or rental to a minor of any video game rated for "mature audiences". It would also bar access by a minor to any arcade game rated for "mature audiences" unless accompanied by an adult.	Would make it a felony to sell or rent any video game to anyone under 21 that contains representations or images of excessive violence, nudity or sexual conduct that is harmful to mionrs or criminal activity.
Committee	Passed out of Joint Committee on Public Safety and referred to Joint Committee on Judiciary.		Passed out of Senate Committee on Public Safety.
Status	Hearing expected in Judiciary this week.		Amended 3/4/2002 to mirror Florida House Bill 663.
Still active	Yes	Yes	Yes

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State Bill #	<u>Ohio</u> H.B. 8	<u>Washington</u> H.B. 2363
Intro. date	1/17/2001	1/16/2002
Subject	Would bar the dissemination of material harmful to minors by the Internet, cable television or over the air television. It would also re-enact Ohio's underlying unconstitutional harmful to minors law.	Would bar dissemination to a minor of any "violent video" game. "Violent video" game is defined by the bill.
Committee		Juvenile Justice and Family Law
Status	Passed Senate and House and sent to Governor for signature	
Still active	Yes	Yes