

State of Arkansas
91st General Assembly
Regular Session, 2017

As Engrossed: H3/14/17 H3/27/17

HR 1042

By: Representative Brown

By: Senator E. Williams

HOUSE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING AND FINDING THAT THE PROLIFERATION AND ACCESSIBILITY OF PORNOGRAPHY HAS CREATED A PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS LEADING TO A BROAD SPECTRUM OF INDIVIDUAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH IMPACTS AND SOCIETAL HARMS.

Subtitle

RECOGNIZING AND FINDING THAT THE PROLIFERATION AND ACCESSIBILITY OF PORNOGRAPHY HAS CREATED A PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS LEADING TO A BROAD SPECTRUM OF INDIVIDUAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH IMPACTS AND SOCIETAL HARMS.

WHEREAS, pornography normalizes violence and abuse of women and children by depicting rape and abuse as if such acts are harmless; and

WHEREAS, due to advances in technology and the universal availability of the internet, the average age of exposure to pornography is currently 11 to 12 years of age; and

WHEREAS, exposure to pornography may serve as sex education for children and youth and lead to the hypersexualization of teenagers and even prepubescent children; and

WHEREAS, recent research indicates that pornography is potentially



biologically addictive; and

WHEREAS, pornography addiction can negatively affect brain development and functioning and contribute to emotional problems such as low self-esteem and body image disorders; and

WHEREAS, early exposure to pornography can increase problematic sexual activity at younger ages; and

WHEREAS, pornography can increase the demand for prostitution and the sex trafficking and slavery of children and young adults, primarily girls; and

WHEREAS, pornography use can be linked to lessening desire to marry, dissatisfaction in marriage, and infidelity; and

WHEREAS, this link demonstrates that pornography can have a detrimental effect on the family unit; and

WHEREAS, pornography is a multibillion-dollar industry, and its influences are reaching the highest levels of society and government,

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

THAT the House of Representatives recognize the public health crisis created by pornography and the sexually toxic environment it perpetuates and acknowledge the need for education, prevention, research, and policy change at the community and societal levels in order to address the epidemic that is harming the people of our state and our country as a whole.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption of this resolution, an appropriate copy be provided to the Director of the Department of Health by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.

/s/Brown