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The Committee on Judiciary (Ring) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment

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Delete lines 289 - 321 and insert:

815.055 Exceptions.—Sections 815.051 and 815.053 do not:

(1) Apply to the monitoring of, or interaction with, an owner's or an operator's Internet or other network connection, service, or computer by a telecommunications carrier, cable operator, computer hardware or software provider, or provider of information service or interactive computer service for purposes of network or computer security, diagnostics, technical support, maintenance, repair, network management, authorized updates of

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computer software or system firmware, authorized remote system management, or detection or prevention of the unauthorized use of, or fraudulent or other illegal activities in connection with, a network, service, or computer software, including scanning for and removing computer software proscribed under this chapter.

- (2) Impose liability on any communications service providers as defined in s. 202.11(2), commercial mobile service providers, or providers of information services, including, but not limited to, Internet access service providers and hosting service providers, if they provide the transmission, storage, or caching of electronic communications or messages of others or provide other related telecommunications, commercial mobile radio service, or information services used by others in violation of this chapter. This exemption from liability is consistent with and in addition to any liability exemption provided under 47 U.S.C. s. 230.
- (3) Prohibit or criminalize the use of software by parents or quardians to monitor Internet or computer usage of their minor children.

This section does not provide a defense to liability under the common law or any other state or federal law, and may not be construed to be an affirmative grant of authority to engage in any of the activities listed in this section.