

## Poll shows huge support for private member's bill

**Child Pornography: Most Ontarians agree with proposed law to report it**

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TORONTO -- Reporting child pornography is a "political no-brainer," a Sun Media/Nanos Research Poll has found.

An overwhelming 94 per cent of Ontario residents either support or somewhat support a private member's bill currently before the Ontario legislature that would require anyone who sees child porn anywhere to report it to the authorities.

"When we see this kind of support for something it is usually indicative of people thinking it already exists," pollster Nik Nanos said yesterday.

That kind of public support usually encourages politicians to line up and support a bill's passage, Nanos said.

A private member's bill is introduced by an MPP who is not a member of the cabinet and it often has a tough time being passed into law.

"Woe to any party that obstructs this," Nanos said. "I don't think it's the issue of whether this should pass, but if somebody does have a problem with it, it should probably be incumbent on them to figure out how they can fix the problem so it can pass."

The bill was introduced by Liberal MPP Laurel Broten and she said she isn't surprised by the near-unanimous support.

"It's about the protection of our children. I think when it comes to the Internet we cannot be bystanders."

People are already required by law to report any other form of child abuse they witness, she said.

Members of all parties have said they will support the bill and it is waiting to go before the standing committee on social policy, Broten said.

The poll received the most support among women, with 97 per cent supporting or somewhat supporting the bill.



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