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Online romance

A bill that would require online dating services to disclose whether they conduct criminal background checks passed its first hurdle Thursday. The Senate Criminal Justice Committee approved the bill, which will move to the Senate floor. Proponents say the legislation would prevent criminals from using the anonymity of the Internet to prey on innocent victims. Opponents say it would give users a false sense of security about online dating.