

2026 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 42

BY SENATOR EDMONDS

CRIME/PUNISHMENT. Prohibits using artificial intelligence to create child sexual abuse materials. (8/1/26)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 14:81.1(B)(3) and (9), relative to child sexual abuse materials;
3 to prohibit the use of artificial intelligence to create child sexual abuse materials; to
4 provide relative to definitions; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 14:81.1(B)(3) and (9) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as
7 follows:

8 §81.1. Child sexual abuse materials

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10 B. For purposes of this Section, the following definitions shall apply:

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12 (3) "Child sexual abuse materials" is any ~~photograph, videotape, film, or~~
13 ~~other reproduction, whether electronic or otherwise~~ **undeveloped film, videotape,**
14 **or data stored on a computer disk or by electronic means that is capable of**
15 **conversion into a visual image, and also includes any photograph, film, video,**
16 **picture, digital image or picture, computer image or picture, or computer-**
17 **generated image or picture, whether made or produced by electronic,**

1 **mechanical, or other means**, of any sexual performance involving a child under the
 2 age of seventeen. **For purposes of this Paragraph, "child" includes both a**
 3 **natural person under the age of seventeen years and an image or other visual**
 4 **representation of a child under the age of seventeen years that is created or**
 5 **generated by electronic or digital means, including artificial intelligence, and**
 6 **that, to a reasonable person, is a virtually indistinguishable depiction of a child**
 7 **under the age of seventeen years.**

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9 (9) "Produce" means to photograph, videotape, film, **cause to be digitally**
 10 **generated, including by artificial intelligence**, or otherwise reproduce child sexual
 11 abuse materials, or to solicit, promote, or coerce any child for the purpose of child
 12 sexual abuse materials.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Senate Legislative Services. The keyword, summary, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

DIGEST

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Present law defines "child sexual abuse materials" as any photograph, videotape, film, or other reproduction, whether electronic or otherwise, of any sexual performance involving a child under the age of seventeen.

Proposed law provides that "child sexual abuse materials" also includes undeveloped film or data stored on a computer disk or by electronic means that is capable of conversion into a visual image, video, picture, digital image or picture, computer image or picture, or computer-generated image or picture, whether made or produced by electronic, mechanical, or other means. Proposed law also provides that the definition of "child" for the purposes of "child sexual abuse materials" includes both a natural person under the age of 17 years and an image or other visual representation of a child under the age of 17 years that is created or generated by electronic or digital means, including artificial intelligence and that to a reasonable person are virtually indistinguishable depictions of a child under the age of 17 years.

Proposed law otherwise retains present law.

Present law defines "produce", in the context of child sexual abuse materials, as the photographing, videotaping, filming, or otherwise reproducing child sexual abuse materials, as well as soliciting, promoting, or coercing any child for the purpose of child sexual abuse materials.

Proposed law provides that "produce" also includes causing artificial intelligence to generate

child sexual abuse materials.

Proposed law otherwise retains present law.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Amends R.S. 14:81.1(B)(3) and (9))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Expand the definition of "child sexual abuse materials".