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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Prohibits the development of artificial intelligence systems with certain capabilities involving interactions with minors

Proposed law provides for a statement of legislative intent.

Proposed law defines the terms "artificial intelligence chatbot", "artificial intelligence companion", "covered entity", "minor", "reasonable age-verification measure", "reasonable age-verification process", and "sexually explicit conduct".

Proposed law prohibits any person from knowingly or recklessly designing, developing, or deploying an artificial intelligence chatbot with the capabilities to do any of the following:

- (1) Solicit or induce a minor to engage in or simulate sexually explicit conduct.
- (2) Create or transmit visual depictions of sexually explicit conduct for a minor.
- (3) Encourage or coerce a minor to commit suicide, non-suicidal self-injury, or imminent physical or sexual violence.

Proposed law provides for a penalty of imprisonment for not more than one year with or without hard labor, a fine of not more than \$100,000, or both.

Proposed law provides for the duties of covered entities and for required disclosures that are to be contained in the design, development, or deployment of artificial intelligence chatbots.

Proposed law provides for civil penalties in an amount of not more than \$100,000 per violation.

Proposed law provides for duties of the office of the attorney general relative to enforcement.

Proposed law permits any party who is harmed by a violation of proposed law to seek exemplary damages, reasonable attorney fees, and reasonable costs in addition to any damages available under present law (C.C. Art. 2315).

Proposed law does not preempt any other state law that provides greater protection to minors.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 51:1771-1778)