

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

SB 42

2026 Regular Session

Edmonds

May 24, 2026

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate and to the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, the conferees appointed to confer over the disagreement between the two houses concerning Senate Bill No. 42 by Senator Edmonds, recommend the following concerning the Reengrossed bill:

1. That all House Floor Amendments proposed by Representative Amedee and adopted by the House of Representatives on May 8, 2026 be rejected.

Respectfully submitted,

Senators:

Representatives:

Senator Rick Edmonds

Representative Tony Bacala

Senator Heather Miley Cloud

Representative Debbie Villio

Senator Valarie Hodges

Representative Laurie Schlegel

The legislative 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)]

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

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Keyword and summary of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee

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

Report rejects House amendments which would have:

1. Added provision for the attorney general to bring civil action to enforce compliance.
2. Granted a cause of action to a minor harmed as a result of being depicted in child sexual abuse materials.

Digest of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee

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))