

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:

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, visual
13 depiction that is digitally generated, including by artificial intelligence, or other
14 reproduction, whether electronic or otherwise, of any sexual performance involving
15 a child under the age of seventeen.

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17 (9) "Produce" means to photograph, videotape, film, cause to be digitally

generated, including by artificial intelligence, or otherwise reproduce child sexual abuse materials, or to solicit, promote, or coerce any child for the purpose of child 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)]

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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 a visual depiction of any sexual performance involving a child under the age of 17 that is generated digitally, including those generated by artificial intelligence.

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))