

A BILL FOR AN ACT

To criminalize the creation and distribution of artificial intelligence-generated sexually explicit images or videos of minors; to protect students from digital sexual exploitation; to provide enforcement authority to schools and law enforcement; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE TWENTY-FOURTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE:

1 **Section 1. Short Title.** This Act may be cited as the “Student Protection from AI-
2 Generated Sexual Exploitation Act of 2026.”

3 **Section 2. Findings and Purpose.** The Legislature finds that advances in artificial
4 intelligence (AI) technologies now allow individuals to create realistic but fabricated
5 images and videos depicting individuals in sexually explicit situations who never consented
6 or participated in such material. Such AI “deepfake” images are increasingly used to target
7 students in middle and high schools, including incidents reported in the Commonwealth.
8 The creation and circulation of AI-generated sexual images of minors can cause severe
9 emotional distress, bullying, harassment, reputational harm, and psychological trauma.

10 The Legislature further finds that existing laws addressing pornography and
11 harassment do not fully address AI-generated or digitally fabricated sexual images or
12 videos of minors. Schools currently lack clear statutory authority to address AI-generated
13 sexual exploitation involving students. The CNMI has a compelling interest in protecting
14 minors and maintaining safe learning environments within all primary and secondary
15 schools. Accordingly, the purpose of this legislation is to prohibit the creation, possession,
16 and distribution of AI-generated sexual images and videos involving minors, to protect
17 students from digital sexual exploitation, and to provide enforcement authority to schools
18 and law enforcement.

1 **Section 3. Amendment.** Title 6, Division 1, Part 1, Chapter 3 of the
2 Commonwealth Code is hereby amended by adding a new Article 5 to read as follows:

3 **“Article 5. AI-Generated Sexual Exploitation and Abuse of a Minor.**

4 **§ 101. Definitions.** For purposes of this Act:

5 (a) “Artificial Intelligence generated image or video” means any image, video, or
6 video representation created, altered, or manipulated using artificial intelligence (AI) or
7 machine learning, or similar technology.

8 (b) “AI-Generated sexual image or video of a minor” means any image, video, or
9 digitally created representation, whether real or fabricated, that depicts a person under the
10 age of 18 showing nudity or engaged in sexually explicit conduct.

11 (c) “Deepfakes” means any image, video, or video representation created with the
12 intent to deceive, that appears to depict a real person performing an action that did not
13 occur in reality.

14 (d) “Non-consensual Intimate Image” means any image or video created, altered,
15 or shared without the consent of the depicted person.

16 (e) “Sexually explicit” or “Sexually explicit conduct” means:

17 (i) graphic sexual intercourse, including genital-genital, oral-genital, anal-
18 genital, or oral-anal, whether between persons of the same or opposite sex, or
19 lascivious simulated sexual intercourse where the genitals, breast, or pubic area of
20 any person is exhibited;

21 (ii) graphic or lascivious simulated;

22 (I) bestiality;

23 (II) masturbation; or

24 (III) sadistic or masochistic abuse; or

25 (iii) graphic or simulated lascivious exhibition of the anus, genitals, or pubic
26 area of any person;

27 **§ 102. Unlawful Conduct.** A person commits the offense of Artificial Intelligence
28 Sexual Exploitation of a Minor if the person knowingly:

1 (a) Creates or generates an AI-generated produced sexually explicit image or video
2 depicting a minor;

3 (b) Alters a photograph, image or video of a minor to create a sexually explicit AI-
4 generated image or video;

5 (c) Possesses an AI-generated sexually explicit image or video depicting minor
6 with intent to distribute such material;

7 (d) Shares, publishes, transmits, or distributes an AI-generated sexually explicit
8 image or video of a minor;

9 (e) Uses an AI-generated sexually explicit image or video to bully, harass, threaten,
10 or extort a student; or

11 (f) Use a student's image or video from school records or social media to generate
12 sexually explicit deepfakes.

13 **§ 103. Criminal Penalties.** Artificial Intelligence Sexual Exploitation of a Minor
14 is punishable as follows:

15 (a) *Creation or Possession with Intent to Distribute.* A person convicted of AI-
16 sexual exploitation of a minor is punishable by imprisonment of up to five years and a fine
17 of up to \$10,000.

18 (b) *Distribution or Publication.* A person convicted of distribution or publication
19 of AI-generated sexual image or video of a minor is punishable by imprisonment of up to
20 10 years and a fine of up to \$20,000.

21 (c) *Minor Offenders.* If the offender is a minor, the minor shall be subject to juvenile
22 proceedings, mandatory digital ethics education and counseling, and restorative justice
23 measures where appropriate.

24 **§ 104. School Disciplinary Authority.** The CNMI Public School System shall
25 adopt policies allowing schools to:

26 (a) Suspend or expel students who create or distribute AI-generated sexual images
27 of other students.

28 (b) Confiscate devices used to create or distribute such content.

1 (c) Refer cases to law enforcement.

2 (d) Require counseling or digital responsibility education.

3 **§ 105. Mandatory Reporting.**

4 Administrators, teachers, or school personnel who become aware of AI-generated
5 sexual images or videos involving a student shall report the incident to the Department of
6 Public Safety, and the Office of the Attorney General within 24 hours.

7 **§ 106. Victim Protection and Removal of AI-Generated Images and Videos.**

8 Victims shall be entitled to: (1) immediate school intervention to stop distribution;
9 (2) assistance in removing sexual images and videos from online platforms; (3) confidential
10 counseling and mental health support; and (4) protection from retaliation.

11 **§ 107. Digital Safety Education.**

12 The CNMI Public School System shall develop and implement digital citizenship
13 and AI awareness education programs addressing (1) responsible use of artificial
14 intelligence tools; (2) the harms of deepfake pornography; (3) cyberbullying prevention;
15 and (4) legal consequences of digital exploitation.

16 **§ 108. Prevention and Training.**

17 The Public School System shall develop programs including, but not limited to, (1)
18 instruction on the dangers and legal consequences of AI deepfakes; (2) training for teachers
19 and administrators; and (3) parent awareness programs.

20 **§ 109. Civil Cause of Action.**

21 A victim of AI-generated sexual exploitation may file a civil action against the
22 offender for emotional distress damages, reputational harm, and legal costs and attorney
23 fees.”


24 **Section 4. Severability.** If any provision of this Act or the application of any such
25 provision to any person or circumstance should be held invalid by a court of competent
26 jurisdiction, the remainder of this Act or the application of its provisions to persons or
27 circumstances other than those to which it is held invalid shall not be affected thereby.

1 **Section 5. Savings Clause.** This Act and any repealer contained herein shall not
2 be construed as affecting any existing right acquired under contract or acquired under
3 statutes repealed or under any rule, regulation or order adopted under the statutes.
4 Repealers contained in this Act shall not affect any proceeding instituted under or pursuant
5 to prior law. The enactment of this Act shall not have the effect of terminating, or in any
6 way modifying, any liability civil or criminal, which shall already be in existence at the
7 date this Act becomes effective.

8 **Section 6. Effective Date.** This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the
9 Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

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