

HB171 • Georgia

Crimes and offenses; obscenity; repeal and replace Code Section 16-12-80

In Committee

Risk: High

Comprehensive

Last Action (Mar 27, 2026): Senate Committee Favorably Reported By Substitute

Summary

This bill amends Georgia's obscenity laws, specifying criteria for obscenity, addressing AI use in offenses with enhanced sentencing, detailing penalty, probation, and notice provisions.

Business Impact

If you use AI to generate content, you must ensure compliance with new obscenity standards by January 1, 2024, or face legal penalties.

Key Provisions

- Amends Part 1 of Article 3 of Chapter 12 of Title 16 and Article 1 of Chapter 10 of Title 17.
- Prohibits distribution of computer-generated obscene material depicting a child.
- Specifies criteria for the proposed standard for obscenity.
- Addresses the role of artificial intelligence specifically in the context of obscenity-related offenses, providing for enhanced sentencing of defendants who utilize AI.
- Includes provisions for penalty and probation, as well as notices for enhanced sentencing.
- Repeals conflicting laws.

Compliance Checklist

- Ensure no distribution of computer-generated obscene material depicting children. | Who: Content creators and distributors. | Penalty: Enhanced sentencing for violations.
- Review and update sentencing procedures for crimes involving AI. | Who: Legal teams and compliance officers. | Penalty: Potential for increased penalties if not compliant.

Industries Affected

Bill Sponsors

Name	Party	Role
Robert Trammell		Primary
Debbie Buckner	Democratic	Primary
Timothy Barr		Primary
Alan Powell	Republican	Primary
Jimmy Pruet		Primary
Kevin Cooke		Primary
Bill Hitchens	Republican	Primary
Sam Park	Democratic	Primary
Patty Bentley		Primary
Carolyn Hugley	Democratic	Primary
Mary Robichaux		Primary
Spencer Fry	Democratic	Primary

Roll Call Votes

Date	Description	Yea	Nay	Result
2025-02-26	House Vote #94 - 2025-2026 Regular Session	160	0	Passed

Related Bills

- HB 171 (GA)

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