

HB 171 • Georgia

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

In Committee

Risk: Medium

Amendment

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

Summary

This bill amends obscenity laws, prohibiting the distribution of computer-generated obscene material depicting a child and establishing enhanced sentencing for AI-related crimes.

Business Impact

If you use AI in any capacity that could relate to obscenity laws in Georgia, you must ensure compliance with new sentencing standards or face enhanced penalties.

Key Provisions

- Repeals and replaces Code Section 16-12-80 regarding obscene material.
- Addresses both AI-generated and general obscene material.
- Prohibits the distribution of computer-generated obscene material depicting a child.
- Introduces enhanced sentencing for crimes involving artificial intelligence.
- Amends Article 1 of Chapter 10 of Title 17 regarding sentencing procedures, including probation and notices for enhanced sentencing.

Compliance Checklist

- Evaluate AI usage in relation to obscenity laws | Who: Businesses utilizing AI technologies | Penalty: Potential for enhanced sentencing if non-compliant.
- Implement training on new obscenity standards | Who: Compliance officers and legal teams | Penalty: Increased legal risk and penalties.

Industries Affected

Technology

Entertainment

Content Distribution

Law Enforcement

Bill Sponsors

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Brad Thomas	Republican	Primary
Todd Jones	Republican	Primary
Sandy Donatucci	Republican	Primary
Leesa Hagan	Republican	Primary
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Related Bills

- HB171 (GA)
- SB9 (GA)

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