

SB989 • Maryland

Child Exploitation Material - Civil and Criminal Actions (Safe Kids Act)

Introduced

Risk: High

Comprehensive

Last Action (Feb 18, 2026): First Reading Senate Rules

Summary

The Safe Kids Act prohibits certain conduct related to child exploitation material, establishes civil actions for violations, and includes AI-generated images in its scope.

Business Impact

If you create or use AI-generated images in Maryland, you must ensure compliance with child exploitation laws or face legal action.

Key Provisions

- Prohibits conduct related to child exploitation material.
- Establishes a civil action for violations of the Act.
- Authorizes the Attorney General to enforce provisions.
- Defines 'computer-generated image' to include AI-generated images.
- Increases the age of a child victim from 16 to 18.

Compliance Checklist

- Ensure compliance with laws regarding child exploitation material, including AI-generated images. | Who: Content creators and distributors using AI. | Penalty: Legal action for violations.

Industries Affected

Digital Media

Technology

Law Enforcement

Topics

Bill Sponsors

Name	Party	Role
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Official Source

<https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgaweb/Legislation/Details/SB0989?ys=2026RS>

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