

HB1294 • Maryland

Criminal Law - Child Sexual Abuse Material - Artificial Intelligence Software

In Committee

Risk: High

Comprehensive

Last Action (Mar 20, 2026): Hearing 3/26 at 1:00 p.m.

Summary

This bill redefines 'child pornography' as 'child sexual abuse material' related to certain criminal offenses and includes AI-generated images.

Business Impact

If you use AI to generate images, you must ensure compliance with the new definition of child sexual abuse material by January 1, 2024, or face legal penalties.

Key Provisions

- Terminology change from 'child pornography' to 'child sexual abuse material' related to certain criminal offenses.
- Definition of 'computer-generated image' includes AI-generated images.

Compliance Checklist

- Update legal definitions in compliance documents | Who: Legal teams of technology companies and law enforcement agencies | Penalty: Potential legal repercussions for non-compliance
- Implement content moderation practices for AI-generated images | Who: Technology developers and content platforms | Penalty: Legal consequences related to child sexual abuse material offenses

Industries Affected

Law Enforcement

Technology

Topics

AI CSAM

Bill Sponsors

Name	Party	Role
Conaway		Cosponsor
Haynes		Primary
McMillan		Cosponsor
Attar		Cosponsor
Bridges		Cosponsor
Rosenberg		Primary
Valderrama		Primary
Anderson		Cosponsor
Frush		Cosponsor
Gibson		Cosponsor
Sanchez		Cosponsor
Guyton		Primary

Roll Call Votes

Date	Description	Yea	Nay	Result
2026-03-05	On Third Reading	133	0	Passed
2025-03-23	On Third Reading	28	17	Passed
2025-03-05	On Third Reading	99	38	Passed

Related Bills

- HB5 (MD)

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