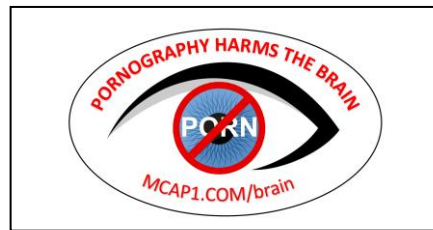


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MCAP wishes to thank Delegate Wilson for sponsoring this bill.

We appreciate how this bill attempts to address the problem of artificial intelligence. In 2024, the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children's CyberTipline received 20.5 million reports, including nearly **63 million files—images, videos, and other materials related to child sexual exploitation**. In Maryland, there were 14,173 referrals and 2,519 informational reports. The ones involving **generative AI** surged by **1,325%**, climbing from 4,700 in 2023 to **67,000 in 2024**. a clear signal that **AI-generated** child sexual abuse material (AIG-CSAM) is **growing** and needs to be addressed.



MCAP emphatically agrees with the intent of this bill to change the terminology in our code from "child pornography" to CSAM – child sexual abuse material. Because this material is **truly child abuse**. For more of the rationale as to why, please see this article: <https://childrescuecoalition.org/educations/call-it-what-it-is-help-us-change-legislationfrom-child-pornography-to-csam/>

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