



SYNOPSIS

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SB 989 Senator Henson

CHILD EXPLOITATION MATERIAL – CIVIL AND CRIMINAL ACTIONS (SAFE KIDS ACT)

Prohibiting certain conduct relating to child exploitation material; establishing a civil action for a certain violation of the Act; authorizing the Attorney General to enforce certain provisions of the Act; defining “computer-generated image” in certain provisions relating to crimes involving child pornography to include an image created through the use of artificial intelligence software; and increasing from 16 to 18 the requisite age of a child considered to be a victim of certain child pornography crimes.

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CJ, §§ 3-2701 through 3-2708 - added and CR, § 11-208 - amended

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