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Testimony for HB 382
Judiciary Committee

Good afternoon Mr. Chair, Madame Vice-chair, and esteemed members of the committee.
I am Delegate C.T Wilson and it's a privilege to be here to present:

House Bill 382 entitled Juvenile Law – Conduct by Children Involving Sexually Explicit or Nude Images.

Bill Overview:

Prohibiting a child, an individual under the age of 18 years, from knowingly sending, displaying, or publishing to another a sexually explicit or nude image depicting another child or a sexually explicit or nude image depicting only himself or herself under certain circumstances.
Additionally, prohibiting a child from knowingly possessing a sexually explicit or nude image depicting another child without the other child's consent;

Bill Outline:

1. A child may not knowingly send, display, or publish to another a sexually explicit or nude image depicting another child unless each person in the sexually explicit or nude image gave the child their permission to send, display or publish the image.
2. Providing that a certain child alleged to have violated certain provisions of this Act may be subject only to a certain petition that the child is a child in need of supervision.
3. Requiring the State Board of Education, in consultation with any relevant unit of State, county, or local government, to develop and implement a certain program on the risks of possessing, sending, displaying, and publishing certain images.

Conclusion:

In conclusion, this bill aims to limit the spread of sexually explicit images of children by creating a program which would deter minors from sending, displaying, or publishing such images.

Thank you for your time and I request a favorable report for **HB 382**. I am open to any questions or concerns that you may have regarding this bill.