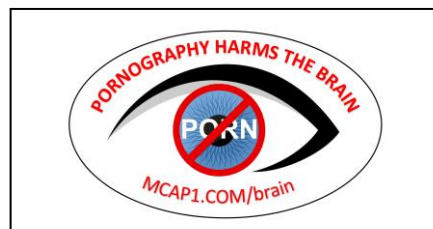


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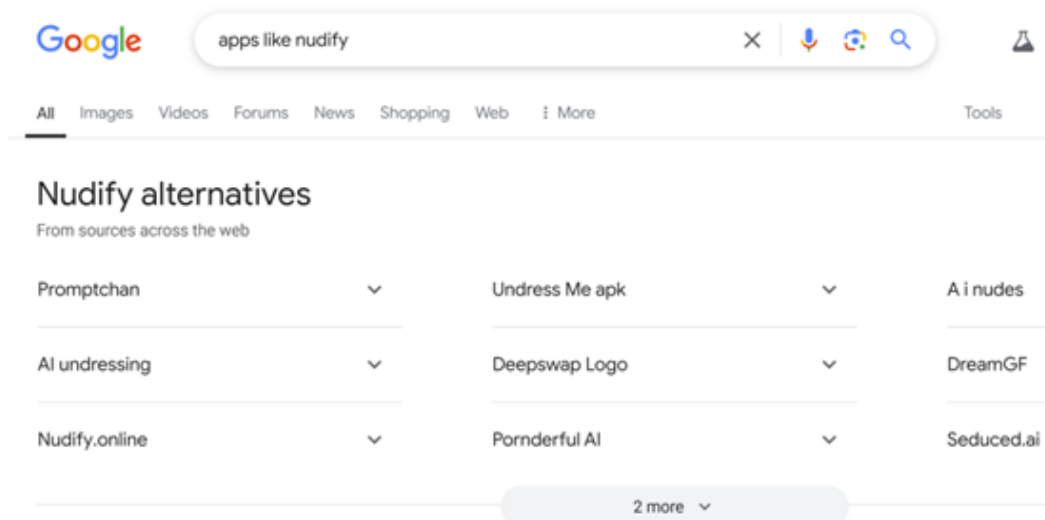
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In support of HB 5

MCAP wishes to thank Delegate Wilson for sponsoring this bill to add a simple but needed phrase to section 11-208 of the Md. Code of criminal law. It recognizes what the advent of artificial intelligence has brought about. It is now all too apparent that one terrible aspect of AI is a new frontier of criminal opportunities to create child pornography, proliferating like the California wildfires.

Note, for example, the easily discovered, by a quick Google search, "Nudify" apps:



Young people, especially underage adolescents, are wreaking havoc with these abilities.

MCAP wants only to recommend that our state consider changing 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-legislation-from-child-pornography-to-csam/>

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