



Sponsor Statement
CS for House Bill 47 (34-LS0334\G.A)

GENERATED OBSCENE CHILD SEX ABUSE MATERIAL

"An Act relating to distribution of a forged digital likeness; relating to crime and criminal procedure; relating to distribution of a generated sexual depiction; relating to generated obscene child sexual abuse material; relating to teaching certificates; relating to licensing of school bus drivers; relating to civil penalties for an organization that facilitates the generation of child sexual abuse material; relating to social media and minors; and providing for an effective date."

House Bill 47 is a comprehensive public safety measure that updates Alaska's criminal laws to explicitly prohibit the creation, distribution, and possession of AI-generated sexual content involving minors by making such conduct a state felony, expands criminal and civil penalties to cover forged digital likenesses and generated sexual depictions, aligns multiple statutes (including those affecting teaching certificates and school bus driver licensing) to ensure consistent child-protection standards, provides for civil penalties against organizations that facilitate child sexual abuse material, and includes provisions related to social media and minors, all intended to close gaps in current law and give law enforcement and the courts clear authority to address both traditional and emerging forms of child sexual exploitation.

House Bill 47 is a proactive step to adapt Alaska's legal framework to emerging technological threats, reinforcing the state's commitment to safeguarding its communities from exploitation and harm.

The House Floor amendments strengthened protections:

- New misdemeanors for non-consensual adult deepfakes/forged digital likenesses (distribution with intent to harass/threaten/intimidate or generated sexual depictions).
- \$1 million civil penalty per instance on organizations/AI providers if users generate obscene CSAM via their tools.
- Requires age verification + parental consent for minors under 18; grants parents full monitoring access; bans targeted ads/algorithmic feeds/addictive features for minors; imposes a statewide nighttime curfew (10:30 p.m.–6:30 a.m., adjustable by parents); allows AG civil enforcement and private actions.

These additions reflect bipartisan input to combat deepfake revenge porn, hold AI companies accountable, and prioritize parental rights and youth mental health over addictive corporate algorithms. Recent high-profile cases (e.g., exploitation via social media) underscore the urgency.

HB 47 sends a clear message: Alaska will not allow technological innovation to outpace protections for our most vulnerable. Whether fully synthetic child exploitation, adult deepfake harassment, or unchecked social media addiction targeting minors, this legislation updates our laws to meet modern threats while preserving free speech exceptions (e.g., parody, news, art). It is prospective, child-centered, and a necessary evolution of Alaska's strong stance against sexual exploitation.