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House Bill 240

"An Act requiring school districts to adopt a digital harassment and nonconsensual digital impersonation policy; and providing for an effective date."

Sponsor Statement

Version A

As technological advances in artificial intelligence and the proliferation of social media have made clear, school children are now exposed to new methods of bullying and harassment. The recent development of deepfakes for “nudification” of women and children on social media is a dark new trend that needs immediate attention in our schools.

House Bill 240 establishes new definitions and compels school districts to create specific policies for the treatment of digital harassment and nonconsensual digital impersonation. School districts already have policies in place around bullying and this legislation adds this new method of harassment to the those policies.

The speed with which social media platforms are creating new methods for spreading deepfakes makes this policy-enhancing legislation urgent. Schools must have a tool for addressing digital harassment and House Bill 240 gives them that tool.