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**HOUSE BILL 26-1058**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING PROTECTIONS FOR MINORS WHO ARE FEATURED IN**  
102 **DIGITAL CONTENT.**

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**Bill Summary**

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)*

The bill creates new requirements and civil remedies beginning June 1, 2027, related to minors who are featured in compensated content on online hosting platforms (online content).

A minor is considered to be engaged in content creation work if, over a 12-month period, the following 3 criteria are met:

- At least 30% of a content creator's online content produced

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*Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.*  
*Dashes through the words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law.*

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1                   **Protection for Minors Featured in Digital Content**

2                   **8-12.5-101. Definitions.**

3                   AS USED IN THIS ARTICLE 12.5, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE  
4                   REQUIRES:

5                   (1) "BANK" HAS THE MEANING SET FORTH IN SECTION 11-101-401  
6                   (5).

7                   (2) (a) "CONTENT CREATOR" MEANS A PARENT OR LEGAL  
8                   GUARDIAN WHO CREATES ONLINE CONTENT IN EXCHANGE FOR  
9                   COMPENSATION, INCLUDING A PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN WHO IS A  
10                  VLOGGER, PODCASTER, ONLINE INFLUENCER, OR STREAMER.

11                  (b) "CONTENT CREATOR" DOES NOT INCLUDE A MINOR WHO  
12                  PRODUCES THEIR OWN ONLINE CONTENT.

13                  (3) "MINOR" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL UNDER EIGHTEEN YEARS OLD.

14                  (4) "NEWS ORGANIZATION" MEANS AN ENTITY WHOSE PRIMARY  
15                  PURPOSE IS THE PUBLICATION OR DISSEMINATION OF NEWS, SPORTS, OR  
16                  OTHER EDITORIAL CONTENT SELECTED BY THE PUBLISHER, RATHER THAN  
17                  USER-GENERATED CONTENT.

18                  (5) "ONLINE CONTENT" MEANS CONTENT IN AN AUDIO, IMAGE, OR  
19                  VIDEO FORMAT SHARED ON AN ONLINE HOSTING PLATFORM IN EXCHANGE  
20                  FOR COMPENSATION.

21                  (6) (a) "ONLINE HOSTING PLATFORM" MEANS A PUBLIC OR  
22                  SEMIPUBLIC INTERNET-BASED SERVICE OR APPLICATION THAT HAS  
23                  ACCOUNT HOLDERS IN COLORADO AND THAT MEETS THE FOLLOWING  
24                  CRITERIA WITH RESPECT TO ACCOUNT HOLDERS:

25                  (I) THE SERVICE OR APPLICATION CONNECTS ACCOUNT HOLDERS  
26                  TO ALLOW THEM TO INTERACT WITH EACH OTHER WITHIN THE SERVICE OR  
27                  APPLICATION;

1 (II) THE SERVICE OR APPLICATION PERMITS PUBLIC POSTING OF  
2 ACCOUNT HOLDER-GENERATED CONTENT WITHOUT VISIBILITY BEING  
3 LIMITED TO A PARTICULAR SOCIAL GRAPH; AND

4 (III) THE SERVICE OR APPLICATION PERMITS INTERACTION WITH  
5 OTHER ACCOUNT HOLDERS' CONTENT OUTSIDE A LIMITED SOCIAL GRAPH,  
6 INCLUDING CONTENT RECOMMENDED FROM PERSONS THAT THE ACCOUNT  
7 HOLDER DOES NOT FOLLOW.

8 (b) "ONLINE HOSTING PLATFORM" DOES NOT INCLUDE AN  
9 INTERNET-BASED SERVICE OR APPLICATION OPERATED BY A NEWS  
10 ORGANIZATION IN FURTHERANCE OF THE NEWS ORGANIZATION'S PRIMARY  
11 PURPOSE.

12 (7) "SOCIAL GRAPH" MEANS THE LIST OF PERSONS THAT AN  
13 ACCOUNT HOLDER IS CONNECTED TO USING A FRIENDING FUNCTION OR  
14 SIMILAR FUNCTION ON AN ONLINE HOSTING PLATFORM. SUBSCRIBING TO  
15 CONTENT FROM ANOTHER ACCOUNT HOLDER DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A  
16 FRIENDING FUNCTION.

17 (8) "TRUST COMPANY" HAS THE MEANING SET FORTH IN SECTION  
18 11-109-101 (11).

19 (9) "UNIQUELY IDENTIFIABLE" MEANS THAT AN INDIVIDUAL,  
20 OTHER THAN THE INDIVIDUAL SUBMITTING A PRIVACY REMOVAL REQUEST,  
21 COULD IDENTIFY THE INDIVIDUAL SUBMITTING THE REQUEST AS DISTINCT  
22 FROM OTHER INDIVIDUALS BASED ON PERSONAL IDENTIFYING  
23 INFORMATION, INCLUDING IMAGE, VOICE, NAME, OR CONTACT  
24 INFORMATION.

25 **8-12.5-102. Compensation for content creation - minors**  
26 **engaged in content creation - minor's own content creation - required**  
27 **records - trust account.**

1 (1)(a) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION, A MINOR  
2 IS CONSIDERED ENGAGED IN THE WORK OF CONTENT CREATION WHEN THE  
3 FOLLOWING CRITERIA ARE MET AT ANY TIME DURING THE PREVIOUS  
4 TWELVE-MONTH PERIOD:

5 (I) AT LEAST THIRTY PERCENT OF THE CONTENT CREATOR'S ONLINE  
6 CONTENT PRODUCED WITHIN A THIRTY-DAY PERIOD INCLUDES THE  
7 LIKENESS, NAME, OR PHOTOGRAPH OF THE MINOR. ONLINE CONTENT  
8 PERCENTAGE IS MEASURED BY THE PERCENTAGE OF TIME THE LIKENESS,  
9 NAME, OR PHOTOGRAPH OF THE MINOR VISUALLY APPEARS OR IS THE  
10 SUBJECT OF AN ORAL NARRATIVE IN ONLINE CONTENT, AS COMPARED TO  
11 THE TOTAL LENGTH OF TIME OF THE ONLINE CONTENT.

12 (II) THE NUMBER OF VIEWS RECEIVED PER SEGMENT OF ONLINE  
13 CONTENT ON AN ONLINE HOSTING PLATFORM MEETS THE ONLINE HOSTING  
14 PLATFORM'S THRESHOLD FOR THE GENERATION OF COMPENSATION OR THE  
15 CONTENT CREATOR RECEIVES ACTUAL COMPENSATION, INCLUDING  
16 COMPENSATION FROM SPONSORSHIPS, FOR ONLINE CONTENT EQUAL TO OR  
17 GREATER THAN TEN CENTS PER VIEW; AND

18 (III) THE CONTENT CREATOR RECEIVES ACTUAL COMPENSATION  
19 FOR ONLINE CONTENT IN AN AMOUNT OF AT LEAST FORTY THOUSAND  
20 DOLLARS.

21 (b) A MINOR WHO IS FOURTEEN YEARS OLD OR OLDER MAY  
22 PRODUCE, CREATE, AND PUBLISH THEIR OWN ONLINE CONTENT AND IS  
23 ENTITLED TO ALL COMPENSATION FOR THEIR OWN CONTENT CREATION.

24 (2) (a) ALL CONTENT CREATORS WHOSE ONLINE CONTENT  
25 FEATURES A MINOR ENGAGED IN THE WORK OF CONTENT CREATION AS  
26 DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1)(a) OF THIS SECTION SHALL MAINTAIN THE  
27 FOLLOWING RECORDS UNTIL THE MINOR TURNS EIGHTEEN YEARS OLD:

1 (I) THE NAME AND DOCUMENTARY PROOF OF THE AGE AT WHICH  
2 THE MINOR WHO IS ENGAGED IN THE WORK OF CONTENT CREATION  
3 STARTED ONLINE CONTENT CREATING;

4 (II) THE NUMBER OF POSTS FEATURING ONLINE CONTENT THAT  
5 GENERATED COMPENSATION DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD;

6 (III) THE TOTAL NUMBER OF MINUTES OF THE POSTS FEATURING  
7 ONLINE CONTENT THAT THE CONTENT CREATOR RECEIVED COMPENSATION  
8 FOR DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD;

9 (IV) THE TOTAL NUMBER OF MINUTES THE MINOR WAS FEATURED  
10 IN POSTS FEATURING ONLINE CONTENT DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD;

11 (V) THE TOTAL COMPENSATION GENERATED FROM POSTS  
12 FEATURING ONLINE CONTENT THAT FEATURE THE MINOR DURING THE  
13 REPORTING PERIOD; AND

14 (VI) THE AMOUNT DEPOSITED INTO THE TRUST ACCOUNT FOR THE  
15 BENEFIT OF THE MINOR ENGAGED IN THE WORK OF CONTENT CREATION, AS  
16 REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (3) OF THIS SECTION.

17 (b) THE RECORDS REQUIRED BY THIS SUBSECTION (2) MUST BE  
18 READILY ACCESSIBLE TO THE MINOR FOR REVIEW. THE CONTENT CREATOR  
19 SHALL PROVIDE NOTICE TO THE MINOR OF THE EXISTENCE OF THE  
20 RECORDS.

21 (c) IF A CONTENT CREATOR WHOSE POSTS FEATURING ONLINE  
22 CONTENT FEATURE A MINOR ENGAGED IN THE WORK OF CONTENT  
23 CREATION FAILS TO MAINTAIN THE RECORDS AS PROVIDED IN THIS  
24 SUBSECTION (2), A CIVIL ACTION IN DISTRICT COURT MAY BE FILED ON  
25 BEHALF OF THE MINOR TO ENFORCE THIS SECTION. THE COURT MAY  
26 AWARD A MINOR WHO PREVAILS IN AN ACTION BROUGHT IN ACCORDANCE  
27 WITH THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING:

- 1 (I) INJUNCTIVE RELIEF;  
2 (II) ACTUAL DAMAGES;  
3 (III) PUNITIVE DAMAGES; AND  
4 (IV) THE COSTS OF THE ACTION, INCLUDING ATTORNEY FEES AND  
5 COURT COSTS.

6 (3) (a) A CONTENT CREATOR SHALL COMPENSATE A MINOR WHO IS  
7 ENGAGED IN THE WORK OF CONTENT CREATION AS DESCRIBED IN  
8 SUBSECTION (1)(a) OF THIS SECTION BY SETTING ASIDE GROSS EARNINGS  
9 ON ONLINE CONTENT THAT INCLUDES THE LIKENESS, NAME, OR  
10 PHOTOGRAPH OF THE MINOR INTO A TRUST ACCOUNT TO BE PRESERVED  
11 FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE MINOR UPON REACHING THE AGE OF MAJORITY OR  
12 UPON A DECLARATION THAT THE MINOR IS EMANCIPATED, EXCEPT FOR ANY  
13 MONEY DISTRIBUTED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (3)(d) OF THIS SECTION.  
14 THE GROSS EARNINGS SHALL BE SET ASIDE ACCORDING TO THE FOLLOWING  
15 DISTRIBUTION:

16 (I) IF ONLY ONE MINOR MEETS THE ONLINE CONTENT THRESHOLD  
17 DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1)(a) OF THIS SECTION, THE PERCENTAGE OF  
18 GROSS EARNINGS ON ANY ONLINE CONTENT THAT INCLUDES THE LIKENESS,  
19 NAME, OR PHOTOGRAPH OF THE MINOR THAT IS EQUAL TO OR GREATER  
20 THAN FORTY PERCENT OF THE ONLINE CONTENT THAT INCLUDES THE  
21 MINOR, AS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1)(a) OF THIS SECTION; OR

22 (II) IF MORE THAN ONE MINOR MEETS THE CONTENT THRESHOLD  
23 DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1)(a) OF THIS SECTION AND ANY SEGMENT OF  
24 ONLINE CONTENT INCLUDES MORE THAN ONE OF THE MINORS, THE  
25 PERCENTAGE DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (3)(a)(I) OF THIS SECTION FOR  
26 ALL MINORS IN ANY SEGMENT SHALL BE EQUALLY DIVIDED BETWEEN THE  
27 MINORS, REGARDLESS OF DIFFERENCES IN PERCENTAGE OF CONTENT

1 PROVIDED BY THE INDIVIDUAL MINORS, AND PAID INTO A SEPARATE TRUST  
2 ACCOUNT FOR EACH MINOR.

3 (b) A CONTENT CREATOR SHALL ENSURE THAT A TRUST ACCOUNT  
4 REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION MEETS THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

5 (I) THE MONEY IN THE ACCOUNT IS MADE AVAILABLE ONLY TO THE  
6 MINOR ENGAGED IN THE WORK OF CONTENT CREATION;

7 (II) THE TRUST ACCOUNT IS HELD BY A BANK OR TRUST COMPANY;

8 (III) THE MONEY IN THE TRUST ACCOUNT WILL BECOME AVAILABLE  
9 TO THE MINOR ENGAGED IN THE WORK OF CONTENT CREATION UPON THE  
10 MINOR TURNING EIGHTEEN YEARS OLD OR UPON A DECLARATION THAT THE  
11 MINOR IS EMANCIPATED;

12 (IV) THE TRUST IS NOT REVOCABLE BY THE CONTENT CREATOR  
13 WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF THE MINOR ENGAGED IN THE WORK OF  
14 CONTENT CREATION; AND

15 (V) THE ACCOUNT MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE "COLORADO  
16 UNIFORM TRANSFERS TO MINORS ACT", ARTICLE 50 OF TITLE 11.

17 (c) IF A CONTENT CREATOR KNOWINGLY OR RECKLESSLY VIOLATES  
18 THIS SECTION, A CIVIL ACTION IN DISTRICT COURT MAY BE FILED ON  
19 BEHALF OF THE MINOR TO ENFORCE THIS SECTION. THE COURT MAY  
20 AWARD A MINOR WHO PREVAILS IN AN ACTION BROUGHT IN ACCORDANCE  
21 WITH THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING:

22 (I) INJUNCTIVE RELIEF;

23 (II) ACTUAL DAMAGES;

24 (III) PUNITIVE DAMAGES; AND

25 (IV) THE COSTS OF THE ACTION, INCLUDING ATTORNEY FEES AND  
26 COURT COSTS.

27 (d) IF, IN THE PRECEDING CALENDAR YEAR, A MINOR IS ENGAGED

1 IN THE WORK OF CONTENT CREATION AND MEETS THE CRITERIA DESCRIBED  
2 IN SUBSECTION (1)(a) OF THIS SECTION FOR THE FIRST TIME, THE CONTENT  
3 CREATOR SHALL ESTABLISH THE TRUST REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (3)(a)  
4 OF THIS SECTION ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 30 OF THE CALENDAR YEAR.

5 (e) A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION MAY DISTRIBUTE  
6 MONEY FROM A TRUST ACCOUNT REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (3)(a) OF THIS  
7 SECTION TO A CONTENT CREATOR PRIOR TO THE MINOR WHO IS THE  
8 BENEFICIARY OF THE TRUST ACCOUNT REACHING THE AGE OF MAJORITY OR  
9 A DECLARATION THAT THE MINOR IS EMANCIPATED UPON:

10 (I) PETITION OF THE TRUSTEE; AND

11 (II) A SUBSEQUENT FINDING BY THE COURT THAT THE MONEY WILL  
12 ONLY BE USED FOR SPECIFIC EXPENSES THAT SOLELY BENEFIT THE MINOR  
13 WHO IS THE BENEFICIARY OF THE TRUST ACCOUNT.

14 (f) THIS SECTION DOES NOT AFFECT A RIGHT OR REMEDY  
15 AVAILABLE UNDER ANY OTHER LAW OF THE STATE.

16 (g) NOTHING IN THIS SECTION SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO AFFECT A  
17 PARTY THAT IS NEITHER THE CONTENT CREATOR NOR THE MINOR ENGAGED  
18 IN THE WORK OF CONTENT CREATION.

19 **8-12.5-103. Privacy removals - private right of action.**

20 (1) AN ADULT OR AN EMANCIPATED MINOR WHO WAS FEATURED  
21 IN A CONTENT CREATOR'S POST FEATURING ONLINE CONTENT AS A MINOR  
22 ON OR AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION MAY REQUEST THAT  
23 THE CONTENT CREATOR DELETE THE POST FROM THE ONLINE HOSTING  
24 PLATFORM OR EDIT THE POST TO REMOVE THE INDIVIDUAL'S PRIVATE  
25 INFORMATION IF THE INDIVIDUAL IS UNIQUELY IDENTIFIABLE.

26 (2) (a) AN ONLINE HOSTING PLATFORM SHALL PROVIDE AN EASILY  
27 ACCESSIBLE MECHANISM THROUGH WHICH AN INDIVIDUAL CAN SUBMIT A

1 REQUEST PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION FOR THE  
2 CONTENT CREATOR TO DELETE A POST FEATURING ONLINE CONTENT FROM  
3 THE ONLINE HOSTING PLATFORM OR EDIT THE POST FEATURING ONLINE  
4 CONTENT TO REMOVE THE INDIVIDUAL'S PRIVATE INFORMATION IF THE  
5 INDIVIDUAL IS UNIQUELY IDENTIFIABLE. THE MECHANISM MAY INCLUDE  
6 TOOLS THAT ENABLE AN INDIVIDUAL TO SUBMIT A REQUEST DIRECTLY TO  
7 THE CONTENT CREATOR.

8 (b) AN INDIVIDUAL SUBMITTING A REMOVAL REQUEST PURSUANT  
9 TO THIS SECTION MUST INCLUDE ALL INFORMATION REASONABLY  
10 REQUESTED TO IDENTIFY THE MINOR AND THE POST FEATURING ONLINE  
11 CONTENT, INCLUDING INFORMATION TO VERIFY THAT THE INDIVIDUAL  
12 MAKING THE REMOVAL REQUEST IS THE INDIVIDUAL FEATURED IN THE  
13 ONLINE CONTENT.

14 (c) AN ONLINE HOSTING PLATFORM THAT DOES NOT PROVIDE A  
15 MECHANISM TO ENABLE INDIVIDUALS TO SUBMIT A REQUEST DIRECTLY TO  
16 THE CONTENT CREATOR SHALL NOTIFY THE RESPONSIBLE CONTENT  
17 CREATOR WITHIN A REASONABLE TIME PERIOD AFTER THE SUBMITTAL OF  
18 A REMOVAL REQUEST, AS SET BY THE ONLINE HOSTING PLATFORM, WHICH  
19 TIME PERIOD MUST NOT EXCEED THIRTY DAYS.

20 (d) A CONTENT CREATOR SHALL DELETE A POST FEATURING  
21 ONLINE CONTENT FROM AN ONLINE HOSTING PLATFORM OR EDIT THE POST  
22 TO REMOVE THE INDIVIDUAL'S UNIQUELY IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION  
23 WITHIN SEVENTY-TWO HOURS.

24 (3) (a) IF A CONTENT CREATOR FAILS TO COMPLY WITH  
25 SUBSECTION (2)(d) OF THIS SECTION WITHIN THIRTY DAYS AFTER  
26 RECEIVING THE REMOVAL REQUEST, THE INDIVIDUAL WHO SUBMITTED THE  
27 REMOVAL REQUEST MAY INITIATE A CIVIL ACTION AGAINST THE CONTENT

1 CREATOR IN DISTRICT COURT TO ENFORCE THIS SECTION. AN ONLINE  
2 HOSTING PLATFORM IS NOT LIABLE FOR A VIOLATION OF SUBSECTION (2)(d)  
3 OF THIS SECTION IF THE ONLINE HOSTING PLATFORM COMPLIES WITH  
4 SUBSECTIONS (2)(a) AND (2)(c) OF THIS SECTION. THE COURT MAY AWARD  
5 AN INDIVIDUAL WHO PREVAILS IN AN ACTION BROUGHT IN ACCORDANCE  
6 WITH THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING:

- 7 (I) INJUNCTIVE RELIEF;
- 8 (II) ACTUAL DAMAGES;
- 9 (III) PUNITIVE DAMAGES; AND
- 10 (IV) THE COSTS OF THE ACTION, INCLUDING ATTORNEY FEES AND  
11 COURT COSTS.

12 (b) (I) IF A CONTENT CREATOR FAILS TO COMPLY WITH SUBSECTION  
13 (2)(d) OF THIS SECTION WITHIN THIRTY DAYS AFTER RECEIVING THE  
14 REMOVAL REQUEST, THE ONLINE HOSTING PLATFORM SHALL REVIEW AND  
15 TAKE ALL REASONABLE STEPS CONSISTENT WITH THE ONLINE HOSTING  
16 PLATFORM'S POLICIES TO REMOVE THE ONLINE CONTENT FROM THE ONLINE  
17 HOSTING PLATFORM UNLESS:

18 (A) THE INDIVIDUAL WHO WAS FEATURED IN THE CONTENT  
19 CREATOR'S POST AS A MINOR DOES NOT SUBMIT SUFFICIENT, ACCURATE  
20 INFORMATION IN THE REQUEST TO REMOVE THE CONTENT; OR

21 (B) THE ONLINE HOSTING PLATFORM FINDS THAT THE POST  
22 FEATURING ONLINE CONTENT IS SUFFICIENTLY NEWSWORTHY OR OF OTHER  
23 PUBLIC INTEREST TO OUTWEIGH THE PRIVACY INTERESTS OF THE  
24 INDIVIDUAL WHO WAS FEATURED IN THE ONLINE CONTENT AS A MINOR.  
25 FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBSECTION (3)(b)(II), CONTENT PUBLISHED  
26 BY A NEWS ORGANIZATION IS PRESUMED TO BE NEWSWORTHY OR OF  
27 OTHER PUBLIC INTEREST.

1 (II) AN ONLINE HOSTING PLATFORM IS NOT LIABLE FOR A GOOD  
2 FAITH DETERMINATION MADE IN RESPONSE TO THIS SUBSECTION (3)(b).

3 (III) AN ONLINE HOSTING PLATFORM IS NOT LIABLE FOR ACTIONS  
4 TAKEN IN RESPONSE TO THIS SUBSECTION (3)(b) BASED ON THE ONLINE  
5 HOSTING PLATFORM'S GOOD FAITH RELIANCE ON THE INFORMATION  
6 SUBMITTED AND REMOVAL OF CONTENT IDENTIFIED BY THE REQUESTING  
7 INDIVIDUAL, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE INDIVIDUAL MADE THE  
8 REQUEST IN ERROR OR BAD FAITH.

9 (4) (a) THIS SECTION DOES NOT AFFECT A RIGHT OR REMEDY  
10 AVAILABLE UNDER ANY OTHER LAW OF THE STATE.

11 (b) THIS SECTION SHALL NOT BE CONSTRUED TO IMPOSE LIABILITY  
12 IN A MANNER THAT IS INCONSISTENT WITH THE FEDERAL  
13 "COMMUNICATIONS DECENCY ACT OF 1996", 47 U.S.C. SEC. 230.

14 **8-12.5-104. Intentional sexualization of minors featured in**  
15 **content creation - exceptions - private right of action - risk-based**  
16 **strategy.**

17 (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION, A  
18 PERSON SHALL NOT FINANCIALLY BENEFIT FROM KNOWINGLY PRODUCING  
19 OR DISTRIBUTING PUBLICLY, INCLUDING BY COMPUTER, ONLINE CONTENT  
20 OF A MINOR WITH THE INTENT TO SEXUALLY GRATIFY OR ELICIT A SEXUAL  
21 RESPONSE IN THE VIEWER OR ANOTHER PERSON.

22 (2) (a) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO:

23 (I) LAWFULLY AUTHORIZED INVESTIGATIVE, PROTECTIVE, OR  
24 INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITY OF A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY OF THE UNITED  
25 STATES, A STATE, OR A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF A STATE OR OF AN  
26 INTELLIGENCE AGENCY OF THE UNITED STATES;

27 (II) AN INDIVIDUAL WHO, ACTING IN GOOD FAITH:

- 1 (A) REPORTS UNLAWFUL ACTIVITY; OR  
2 (B) ACTS IN PURSUANCE OF A LEGAL OR PROFESSIONAL OR OTHER  
3 LAWFUL OBLIGATION;  
4 (III) A DOCUMENT PRODUCTION OR FILING ASSOCIATED WITH A  
5 LEGAL PROCEEDING; OR  
6 (IV) AN ONLINE HOSTING PLATFORM WITH REGARD TO ONLINE  
7 CONTENT PROVIDED BY CONTENT CREATORS UNLESS THE ONLINE HOSTING  
8 PLATFORM INTENTIONALLY SOLICITS, OR KNOWINGLY AND  
9 PREDOMINANTLY DISTRIBUTES, SUCH CONTENT.

10 (b) THIS SECTION SHALL NOT BE CONSTRUED TO IMPOSE LIABILITY  
11 IN A MANNER THAT IS INCONSISTENT WITH THE FEDERAL  
12 "COMMUNICATIONS DECENCY ACT OF 1996", 47 U.S.C. SEC. 230.

13 (c) THIS SECTION DOES NOT IMPOSE LIABILITY ON AN ONLINE  
14 HOSTING PLATFORM FOR CONTENT CREATED BY A THIRD PARTY AND DOES  
15 NOT REQUIRE PROACTIVE MONITORING OF USER-GENERATED CONTENT.

16 (3) (a) IF A PERSON VIOLATES OR ATTEMPTS OR CONSPIRES TO  
17 VIOLATE SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION, A CIVIL ACTION IN DISTRICT  
18 COURT MAY BE FILED ON BEHALF OF THE MINOR AGGRIEVED BY THE  
19 VIOLATION TO ENFORCE THIS SECTION. THE COURT MAY AWARD A MINOR  
20 WHO PREVAILS IN AN ACTION BROUGHT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS  
21 SECTION THE FOLLOWING:

- 22 (I) ACTUAL DAMAGES;  
23 (II) PUNITIVE DAMAGES; AND  
24 (III) THE COSTS OF THE ACTION, INCLUDING ATTORNEY FEES AND  
25 COURT COSTS.

26 (b) THIS SECTION DOES NOT AFFECT A RIGHT OR REMEDY  
27 AVAILABLE UNDER ANY OTHER LAW OF THE STATE.

1 (4) (a) AN ONLINE HOSTING PLATFORM SHALL DEVELOP AND  
2 IMPLEMENT A RISK-BASED STRATEGY TO HELP MITIGATE RISKS RELATED  
3 TO MONETIZATION OF THE INTENTIONAL SEXUALIZATION OF KNOWN  
4 MINORS ENGAGED IN CONTENT CREATION. AN ONLINE HOSTING PLATFORM  
5 MAY LEVERAGE EXISTING TRUST AND SAFETY SYSTEMS AND POLICIES TO  
6 SATISFY THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBSECTION (4)(a).

7 (b) AN ONLINE HOSTING PLATFORM SHALL DOCUMENT AND  
8 REASSESS THE RISK-BASED STRATEGY DEVELOPED PURSUANT TO  
9 SUBSECTION (4)(a) OF THIS SECTION ON A REASONABLE RECURRING BASIS  
10 AND MAY INCLUDE AT THE SOLE DISCRETION OF THE ONLINE HOSTING  
11 PLATFORM COMMERCIALLY REASONABLE:

12 (I) POLICIES THAT GOVERN CONTENT AND RELATED  
13 MONETIZATION;

14 (II) RESTRICTIONS OF FEATURES ON ONLINE CONTENT FEATURING  
15 MINORS;

16 (III) AUTOMATED SYSTEMS TO IDENTIFY AND ENFORCE AGAINST  
17 POTENTIALLY PROBLEMATIC ONLINE CONTENT AND ACCOUNTS;

18 (IV) GUARDRAILS TO MITIGATE AGAINST A RECOMMENDATION  
19 SYSTEM UTILIZED BY AN ONLINE HOSTING PLATFORM RECOMMENDING  
20 ONLINE CONTENT CONTAINING SEXUALIZATION OF KNOWN MINORS; AND

21 (V) QUALITY ASSURANCE PROCESSES RECURRING AT REASONABLE  
22 INTERVALS TO ENSURE THAT THE RISK-BASED STRATEGY DEVELOPED  
23 PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (4)(a) OF THIS SECTION IS WORKING AS  
24 INTENDED.

25 (c) AN ONLINE HOSTING PLATFORM SHALL ENSURE THAT  
26 INFORMATION ABOUT ITS ONLINE CONTENT POLICIES, SETTINGS, AND BEST  
27 PRACTICES FOR ONLINE CONTENT FEATURING MINORS IS PUBLICLY

1 AVAILABLE, UNDERSTANDABLE TO BOTH ADULTS AND MINORS, AND  
2 INFORMED BY RESEARCH AND OUTSIDE EXPERTISE. THE INFORMATION  
3 MUST INFORM CONTENT CREATORS THAT THEY MAY BE SUBJECT TO  
4 VARIOUS LEGAL REQUIREMENTS AND EXPLAIN RISKS AND STEPS TO  
5 PROTECT MINORS APPEARING IN POSTS FEATURING ONLINE CONTENT FROM  
6 EXPLOITATION.

7 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date -**  
8 **applicability.** (1) This act takes effect June 1, 2027; except that, if a  
9 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the  
10 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act  
11 within the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general  
12 assembly, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect unless  
13 approved by the people at the general election to be held in November  
14 2026 and, in such case, will take effect June 1, 2027.

15 (2) This act applies to conduct occurring on or after the applicable  
16 effective date of this act.