State Laws Criminalizing AI-generated or computer-edited Child Sexual Abuse Material (CSAM)

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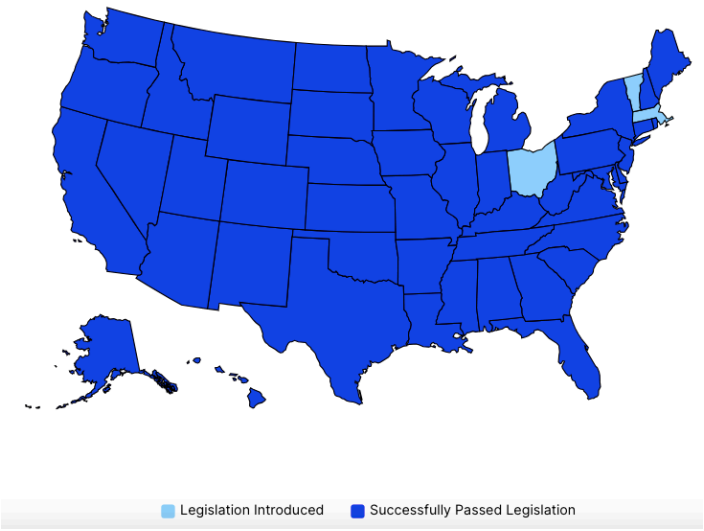
Research by ENOUGH ABUSE® has documented that **47 states have enacted laws that criminalize AI-generated or computer-edited CSAM, while 3 states and D.C. have not.** More than half of these laws were enacted in 2024-2025 alone, and legislation has been introduced in the remaining states to do so. This reflects strong concern by legislators and advocates about the significant increase in the creation, production and dissemination of these child exploitation materials.



The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) documented a 1,325% increase in AI-generated CSAM reports between 2023 and 2024, representing 67,000 reports. By the end of 2025, NCMEC received 400,000+ reports involving AI-generated CSAM (NCMEC 2025 CyberTipline Report). This number is expected to continue to grow exponentially.

The dangers to children of this latest technology are many:

- Perpetrators can now generate, alter or collage depictions of children that are indistinguishable from depictions of real children.
- They can use parts of images of real children to create a composite image that is unidentifiable as a particular child and in a way that prevents even an expert from concluding that parts of images of real children were used.
- They disguise pictures of real children being abused by making the image look computer-generated.

- Sexually explicit depictions involving children—even if no physical abuse occurs during their creation—has significant psychological and long-term impacts on the children depicted.
- Artificially-generated or computer-edited CSAM further re-victimizes actual child victims, as their images are collected from the Internet and studied by artificial intelligence tools to create new images.
- Child predators can also use artificially-generated or computer-edited CSAM to extort minors and their families for financial gain.

47 States DO have laws that criminalize AI-generated or computer-generated or modified CSAM:
Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, New Mexico, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming

3 States (and D.C.) DON'T include AI or computer-generated images in their CSAM (or child pornography) statutes:
Massachusetts, Ohio, Vermont, and Washington D.C.

Some of these states have passed laws criminalizing sharing deepfakes as harassment, however, they still need to update their CSAM statutes to criminalize creation, possession or dissemination of AI-generated or modified CSAM to bring their laws in line with other states and enable full prosecution of these crimes. **Legislation has been introduced in Massachusetts, Ohio and Vermont to criminalize AI-generated CSAM**.

STATE SUMMARIES

The following are summaries of the child sexual abuse material (CSAM) statute in each state, stating whether or not it criminalizes AI or computer-generated CSAM, with the definition of CSAM copied from each statute, as well as the links to the laws.

Alabama

Alabama law **does** criminalize AI or computer-generated CSAM. In 2024, Alabama enacted HB 168, which adds digitally created or altered visual depictions to child pornography laws. It also explains the reasoning behind this legislation in detail:

"(5) Artificially-generated child sexual abuse material is virtually indistinguishable from actual child sexual abuse material.

(6) With artificial technology, perpetrators can now computer-generate depictions of children that are indistinguishable from depictions of real children; use parts of images of real children to create a composite image that is unidentifiable as a particular child and in a way that prevents even an expert from concluding that parts of images of real children were used; and disguise pictures of real children being abused by making the image look computer-generated."

(7) Child sexual abuse material results from the abuse of real children by sex offenders. The production of child sexual abuse material is a byproduct of the sexual abuse of children. There is no evidence that the development of artificially-generated child sexual abuse material would stop or even reduce the sexual abuse of real children or the practice of visually recording that abuse.

(8) Artificially-generated child sexual abuse material re-victimizes actual child victims, as their images are collected from the Internet and studied by artificial intelligence tools to create new images.

(9) Artificially-generated child sexual abuse material whets the appetites of child molesters who may use the images to seduce children.

(10) The danger to children who are seduced and molested with the aid of child sexual abuse material is just as great when the child molester or child pornographer uses child sexual abuse material produced wholly or in part by electronic, mechanical, or other means as when the material consists of images of actual children engaged in sexually explicit conduct.

(11) Artificially-generated child sexual abuse material provides another means by which child pornographers can profit from child sexual abuse.

(12) Because artificially-generated child sexual abuse material can be swiftly generated in bulk, law enforcement will often discover large amounts on seized devices, complicating investigations and interfering with efforts to identify and protect child victims and stop the dissemination

(13) Many criminal defendants argue that the images of child sexual abuse material they possess are not those of actual children, insisting that the state prove beyond a reasonable doubt that the images are not artificially-generated.

(14) In the absence of state legislative action, the difficulties the state has experienced in enforcing child pornography laws will continue to intensify and threaten to render unenforceable laws that protect actual children.

(15) Imposing an additional requirement that the state prove beyond a reasonable doubt that the defendant knew that the image was in fact an actual child, as some courts have done, threatens

to result in the de facto legalization of the possession, receipt, and distribution of child sexual abuse material for all except the original producers of the material.

(16) To avoid this grave threat to the state's unquestioned compelling interest in effective enforcement of the sexual abuse laws that protect actual children, a statute must be adopted that prohibits a well-defined subcategory of images.

(17) For these reasons, actual and artificially-generated child sexual abuse material, which are virtually indistinguishable, must now be considered legally indistinguishable and subject to the criminal penalties provided in current law."

Child Sexual Abuse Material is defined in the statute as:

(2) CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE MATERIAL. Any visual depiction of an individual under 18 years of age engaged in any act of sexually explicit conduct, including a virtually indistinguishable depiction… (15) VIRTUALLY INDISTINGUISHABLE DEPICTION. A ***visual depiction created, altered, or produced by digital, computer generated, or other means that a reasonable person would conclude is of an actual individual under 18 years of age engaged in sexually explicit conduct****."*

Link to law:
https://alison.legislature.state.al.us/files/pdf/SearchableInstruments/2024RS/HB168-enr.pdf

Alaska

Alaska law **does** currently criminalize AI-generated or computer-edited CSAM. HB 239, an omnibus crime bill, was enacted in May 2026 and criminalized creation, possession and distribution of AI-generated CSAM. A real child's image does not need to have been used for prosecution under this law. The law also contains exceptions for law enforcement or technology company employees who access the material in the course of their duties to detect, prevent and report CSAM.

"Sec. 11.61.121. Distribution of generated obscene child sexual abuse material. (a) A person commits the crime of ***distribution of generated obscene child sexual abuse material*** *if the person knowingly distributes in this state or advertises, promotes, solicits, or offers to distribute in this state any material that is proscribed under AS 11.61.122."*
*Sec. 11.61.****122. Possession of generated obscene child sexual abuse material.*** *(a) A person commits the crime of possession of generated obscene child sexual abuse material if the person knowingly possesses or knowingly accesses on a computer with intent to view any material that*

(1) the average person, applying contemporary community standards, would find, when considered as a whole, appeals to the prurient interest;
(2) depicts, in a patently offensive way, a child under 18 years of age

*who, by manipulation, creation, or modification, appears to be engaged in conduct described in AS 11.41.455(a)(1) - (8), **regardless of whether an actual child was used;** and*
(3) when considered as a whole, lacks serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value.

Link to the law: https://www.akleg.gov/basis/Bill/Detail/34?Root=hb%20239

Arizona

Arizona law **DOES** criminalize AI-generated child sexual abuse material. **HB2678** was passed and signed by the Governor in May 2025. It updates the state law to ensure AI-generated and digitally altered images that are indistinguishable from real minors carry the same criminal penalties as those involving actual children. The new law updates the definitions of "minor" and "visual depiction" to include computer-generated or digitally manipulated images that are indistinguishable from actual children. It also classifies such depictions as dangerous crimes against children when the image appears to show a victim under the age of 15.

Law text:
"13-3551. Definitions In this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires: …
*6. **"INDISTINGUISHABLE" MEANS A VISUAL DEPICTION SUCH THAT A PERSON VIEWING THE DEPICTION WOULD REASONABLY CONCLUDE THAT THE DEPICTION IS OF AN ACTUAL MINOR.***
*7. "Minor": (a) Means a person or persons who were under eighteen years of age at the time a visual depiction was created, adapted or modified. (b) **INCLUDES A VISUAL DEPICTION THAT IS INDISTINGUISHABLE FROM AN ACTUAL MINOR***
*13. "Visual depiction" includes each visual image that is contained in an undeveloped film, videotape or photograph or data stored in any form, **REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE IMAGE IS CREATED OR MODIFIED BY MEANS OF COMPUTER SOFTWARE, ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE OR OTHER DIGITAL EDITING TOOLS**, and that is capable of conversion into a visual image."*

Link to law: https://www.azleg.gov/press/house/57LEG/1R/250513WILLOUGHBYHB2678.pdf

Arkansas

Arkansas law **does** criminalize AI-generated CSAM. Arkansas enacted **Act 977 in April 2025** to criminalize AI-generated child sexual abuse material that is indistinguishable from an image of a real child engaged in sexual conduct. The child does not have to be identifiable.

Law text:

"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 5-27-302, concerning definitions with respect to the Arkansas

Protection of Children Against Exploitation Act of 1979, is amended to add additional subdivisions to read as follows:

(6) "Computer generated" means produced, adapted, or modified, in whole or in part, through the use of artificial intelligence;

(7)(A) "Indistinguishable" means a visual or print medium that is such that an ordinary person viewing the visual or print medium would conclude that the visual or print medium depicts an actual child engaged in the conduct depicted. *(B) "Indistinguishable" does not include a visual or print medium that depicts a child that is a drawing, cartoon, sculpture, or painting;…*

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 5-27-304(a), concerning the offense of pandering or possessing visual or print medium depicting sexually explicit conduct involving a child, is amended to read as follows: (a) With knowledge of the character of the visual or print medium involved, no person shall do any of the following:

(1) Knowingly advertise for sale or distribution, sell, distribute, transport, ship, exhibit, display, or receive for the purpose of sale or distribution any visual or print medium depicting a child participating or engaging in sexually explicit conduct or that is indistinguishable from the image of a child participating or engaging in sexually explicit conduct, ***including without limitation a visual or print medium that is computer generated;***

(2) Knowingly solicit, receive, purchase, exchange, possess, view, distribute, or control any visual or print medium depicting a child participating or engaging in sexually explicit conduct ***or that is indistinguishable from the image of a child participating or engaging in sexually explicit conduct, including without limitation a visual or print medium that is computer generated."***

Link to law:
https://arkleg.state.ar.us/Home/FTPDocument?path=%2FACTS%2F2025R%2FPublic%2FACT977.pdf

California

California law **does** criminalize AI or computer-generated CSAM. CA passed a bill to update its child sexual abuse material (CSAM) statute to include AI-generated CSAM in September 2024. It was signed by the Governor on September 29th. This bill explains the harms of AI-generated CSAM and states:

"(e) Artificial intelligence (AI) technology is advancing to the point where it can create images that may be indistinguishable from traditional photographs, and this advanced technology is now being used to create CSAM. Internet websites available to the public offer services that will create artificial CSAM, whether with or without an existing image of a real child.

(f) The creation of CSAM using AI is inherently harmful to children because the machine-learning models utilized by AI have been trained on datasets containing thousands of depictions of known CSAM victims, revictimizing these real children by using their likeness to generate AI CSAM images into perpetuity.

(g) The threat posed by AI-generated CSAM is real now and is emerging quickly as a serious impediment to protecting our children.

(h) CSAM that incorporates, in any manner, an image of a real child is not protected by the First Amendment. The First Amendment does not protect obscenity, even if that obscenity was created entirely by AI.

(i) Federal law already prohibits obscene visual representations of the sexual abuse of children, even if it is created without using a real child.

(j) As technology evolves, so must our laws. California's law regulating CSAM must be updated to also prohibit artificially created images that depict the sexual assault and exploitation of children and that are obscene."

*"Obscene matter" is defined as: "including, but not limited to, any film, filmstrip, photograph…**or computer-generated equipment or any other computer-generated image** that contains or incorporates in any manner, any film, filmstrip, **or any digitally altered or artificial-intelligence-generated matter,** with intent to distribute or to exhibit to, or to exchange with, others for commercial consideration, or who offers to distribute, distributes, or exhibits to, or exchanges with, others for commercial consideration, any obscene matter, knowing that the matter depicts a person under 18 years of age personally engaging in or personally simulating sexual conduct, as defined in Section 311.4, or that it contains **a digitally altered or artificial-intelligence-generated depiction what appears to be a person under 18 years of age engaging in such conduct,** is guilty of a felony and shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for two, three, or six years, or by a fine not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars ($100,000), in the absence of a finding that the defendant would be incapable of paying that fine, or by both that fine and imprisonment."*

Link to Law:
https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240AB1831

Colorado

Colorado **does** have a law criminalizing AI-generated CSAM. **SB288**, passed in **2025**, creates a civil cause of action as well as a misdemeanor criminal offense for the non-consensual sharing of intimate images of adults, including deepfakes created through AI and other photo editing technology. The criminal offense can be upgraded to a felony if sharing the image posed a serious threat to the person or their family.

Crucially, section 2 of the bill also updated the **definition of "sexual exploitation of a child" to include AI-generated child sexual abuse material, if an actual child was identified in the image.** Prosecution does not require proof of the actual child's identity.

It states:

(j) "Sexually exploitative material" means: any (I) A photograph, motion picture, video, recording or broadcast of moving visual images, live stream, print, negative, slide, or other mechanically, electronically, chemically, or digitally reproduced visual material that depicts a child engaged in, participating in, observing, or being used for explicit sexual conduct; OR
(II) A REALISTIC VISUAL DEPICTION, WHICH HAS BEEN CREATED, ALTERED, OR PRODUCED BY DIGITIZATION OR COMPUTER-GENERATED MEANS, THAT DEPICTS AN IDENTIFIABLE CHILD, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, ENGAGED IN, PARTICIPATING IN, OBSERVING, OR BEING USED FOR EXPLICIT SEXUAL CONDUCT.

(3.5) A juvenile's conduct that is limited to the elements of the petty offense of possession of a private image PRIVATE INTIMATE IMAGE OR INTIMATE DIGITAL DEPICTION by a juvenile, as described in section 18-7-109 (2), or limited to the elements of the civil infraction of exchange of a private image PRIVATE INTIMATE IMAGE OR INTIMATE DIGITAL DEPICTION by a juvenile, as described in section 18-7-109 (3), is not subject to prosecution pursuant to subsection (3)(b) or (3)(b.5) of this section. (9) A PROSECUTION BROUGHT PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION DOES NOT REQUIRE PROOF OF THE ACTUAL IDENTITY OF AN IDENTIFIABLE CHILD.

It also creates an offense for a juvenile who non-consensually shares an intimate image, including a deepfake, of another child less than 4 years younger than them and over the age of 14, or who non-consensually shared an intimate image of him or herself that was not solicited by the other minor. An offense was also created for possessing a private intimate image of another juvenile over 14 years old without their consent. These offenses by juveniles are misdemeanors.

Link: https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/sb25-288

This law went into effect in 2025.

However, CO SB 11, enacted in 2024, clarified that the state's existing revenge porn statutes applied to both real and "simulated" images. It stated:

"Existing law prohibits posting a private image for harassment; posting a private image for pecuniary gain; and posting, possession, or exchange of a private image by a juvenile. Posting a private image for harassment or for pecuniary gain involves posting an image that depicts the private intimate parts of a person. Posting, possession, or exchange of a private image by a juvenile involves an image that depicts specified intimate parts of a person. ***The act makes those offenses apply to images that include simulated intimate parts of a person****."*

Link to SB 11: https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/sb24-011

Connecticut

Connecticut **does** criminalize AI- or computer-generated CSAM. Connecticut passed **Substitute House Bill No. 5262, Public Act No. 24-118, "An Act Concerning Child Sexual Abuse"** in June 2024, which updates its child pornography statute to use the term "child sexual abuse material", the definition of which includes computer-generated CSAM: *"(13) ["Child pornography"] "Child sexual abuse material" means any visual depiction including any photograph, film, videotape, picture or* ***computer-generated image or picture, whether made or produced by electronic, digital, mechanical or other means****, of sexually explicit conduct, where the production of such visual depiction involves the use of a person under sixteen years of age engaging in sexually explicit conduct…"*

Link to law: https://www.cga.ct.gov/2024/act/pa/pdf/2024PA-00118-R00HB-05262-PA.pdf

Delaware

Delaware law **does** criminalize computer-generated CSAM. Title 11 of the Delaware Criminal Code, CHAPTER 5. Specific Offenses, Subchapter V. Offenses Relating to Children and Vulnerable Adults, Part A Child Welfare; Sexual Offenses § 1100. Definitions relating to children defines visual depictions of child pornography (that term is still used in this law instead of CSAM):

"11) "Visual depiction" includes, but is not limited to:

> *… ; or c. Any picture, or* ***computer-generated image or picture****, or* ***any other image whether made, stored or produced by electronic, digital, mechanical or other means."***

"A person is guilty of dealing in child pornography when:

(1) The person knowingly ships, transmits, mails or transports by any means, including by computer or any other electronic or digital method, any book, magazine, periodical, pamphlet, video or film depicting a child engaging in a prohibited sexual act or in the

*simulation of such an act, or knowingly ships, transmits, mails or transports by any means, including by computer or any other electronic or digital method, any other **visual depiction** of a child engaging in a prohibited sexual act or in the simulation of such an act;"*

Link to law: https://delcode.delaware.gov/title11/c005/sc05/index.html

District of Columbia (Washington, D.C.)

Washington, D.C.'s law does **NOT** criminalize AI or computer-generated CSAM. Ch. 31 Sexual Performance Using Minors defines "sexual performance of a minor" as:
*"**(3)** "Performance" means any play, motion picture, photograph, electronic representation, dance, or any other visual presentation or exhibition."*

Link to Law:
https://code.dccouncil.gov/us/dc/council/code/titles/22/chapters/31#:~:text=%C2%A7%2022%E2%80%933102.,-Prohibited%20acts.&text=(b)%20It%20shall%20be%20unlawful,sexual%20performance%20by%20a%20minor.

Florida

Florida law **does** criminalize CSAM that is created or modified by electronic or mechanical means. Previously, Florida only criminalized AI-generated or technologically-modified CSAM if it involved an "identifiable minor," however, in 2026 the law was strengthened to increase the penalties and remove the requirement of a real child's image being used. The sex offenses bill HB 1159, enacted in March makes it so someone can be prosecuted whether they created the imagery or received it from another person or website, and the penalty changed from a third-degree felony to second-degree, so defendants can face up to 15 years in prison versus the five years they would have faced as a third-degree felony. The bill also replaced the outdated term "child pornography" with "child sexual abuse material" in Florida statutes.

Bill text:

*"(b) **"Child sexual abuse material" means:***
1. Any image depicting a minor engaged in sexual conduct;
2. Any image that has been created, altered, adapted, or modified by electronic, mechanical, or other means, to portray an identifiable minor engaged in sexual conduct.
(2) A violation of s. 827.071, s. 847.0135, s. 847.0137, 214 or s. 847.0138 shall be reclassified to the next higher degree as provided in subsection (3) if:

(a) The offender possesses 10 or more images of any form of child sexual abuse material regardless of content; and (b) The content of at least one image contains one or more of the following:
1. A child who is younger than the age of 12
2. Sadomasochistic abuse involving a child.
3. Sexual battery involving a child.
4. Sexual bestiality involving a child.
5. Any motion picture, film, video, or computer-generated picture, film, or video involving a child, regardless of length and regardless of whether the motion picture, film, video, or computer-generated motion picture, film, or video contains sound.
(3)(a) In the case of a felony of the third degree, the offense is reclassified to a felony of the second degree.
(b) In the case of a felony of the second degree, the offense is reclassified to a felony of the first degree.

Section 9. Section 827.072, Florida Statutes, is amended 349 to read: 350 827.072 ***Generated child sexual abuse material****.— (1) As used in this section, the term: (a) "Generated child sexual abuse material pornography" means any image that has been created, altered, adapted, or modified by electronic, mechanical, or other computer-generated* ***means to portray a fictitious person****, who a reasonable person would regard as being a real person younger than 18 years of age, engaged in sexual conduct.*

2026 HB 1159: https://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2026/1159/?Tab=BillHistory

2022 Law that first criminalized AIG-CSAM:
https://www.flsenate.gov/Laws/Statutes/2022/827.071

Georgia

Georgia law **does** criminalize AI or computer-generated CSAM. In 2024, Georgia enacted **HB 993,** which states that images generated by AI are not a defense from prosecution of sexual exploitation of children laws.
The sexual exploitation of children statute states:

> *"It is unlawful for any person knowingly to create, reproduce, publish, promote, sell, distribute, give, exhibit, or possess with intent to sell or distribute a visual medium which depicts a minor or a portion of a minor's body engaged in any sexually explicit conduct."*
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> And HB 993 states:
> *"(b.2) It shall not constitute a defense in a prosecution for a violation of this Code section that prior to or during the accused's creation, reproduction, publishing, promotion, selling, distributing, giving, exhibiting, possessing with the intent to sell or distribute, bringing or causing to be brought into this state, or possession or control of such visual*

medium that such visual medium was created, adapted, or modified to appear that an identifiable minor is engaging in sexually explicit conduct."

Link to law: https://law.justia.com/codes/georgia/2022/title-16/chapter-12/article-3/part-2/section-16-12-100/

Link to HB 993: https://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/66211

Hawaii

Hawaii law **does** criminalize CSAM that is computer-generated if it involves or appears to involve an "identifiable minor" engaging in sexual conduct.

"*"Child pornography" means any pornographic visual representation, including any photograph, film, video, picture, or computer or* ***computer-generated image or picture,*** *whether made or produced by electronic, mechanical, or other means, of sexual conduct, if:*

(a) The pornographic production of the visual representation involves the use of a minor engaging in sexual conduct; or

(b) The pornographic visual representation has been created, adapted, or modified to appear that an identifiable minor is engaging in sexual conduct."

Link to law: https://law.justia.com/codes/hawaii/title-37/chapter-707/section-707-752/

Idaho

Idaho law **does** criminalize CSAM that is computer-generated if it involves or appears to involve an identifiable child engaging in sexual conduct. House Bill 465, passed in 2024, updated the statute to include computer-generated visual material. It states:

""Sexually exploitative material" means any image, photograph, motion picture, video, print, negative, slide, or other ***mechanically, electronically, digitally or chemically produced or reproduced or computer-generated visual material*** *where such visual material:*

(i) Shows a child engaged in, participating in, observing, or being used for explicit sexual conduct, or showing a child engaging in, participating in, observing or being used for explicit sexual conduct, in actual time, including but not limited to video chat, webcam sessions or video calling; or

(ii) Has been created, adapted, or modified to appear that an identifiable child is engaging in, participating in, observing, or being used for explicit sexual conduct."

Link to law: https://legislature.idaho.gov/statutesrules/idstat/title18/t18ch15/sect18-1507/

Illinois

Illinois law **does criminalize computer-generated CSAM.** In 2024, Illinois enacted HB2623, which amends the CSAM statute to clarify that it includes AI-generated images of children who are engaged in or simulating sexual acts. It states:
"Sec. 11-20.1. Child pornography. (a) A person commits child pornography who:

*(1) films, videotapes, photographs, or otherwise depicts or portrays by means of any similar visual medium or reproduction or **depicts by computer** any child whom he or she knows or reasonably should know to be under the age of 18 or any person with a severe or profound intellectual disability where such child or person with a severe or profound intellectual disability is:*

(i) actually or by simulation engaged in any act of sexual penetration or sexual conduct with any person or animal; …"

Link to law:
https://ilga.gov/legislation/BillStatus.asp?DocNum=4623&GAID=17&DocTypeID=HB&LegId=151978&SessionID=112&GA=103

Indiana

Indiana law **does** criminalize CSAM that is computer-generated:

> *(2) "Image" means the following: … (H) A digitized image. (I) A computer generated image…."*
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> *"b) A person who:*
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> *(1) knowingly or intentionally manages, produces, sponsors, presents, exhibits, photographs, films, videotapes, or **creates a digitized image** of any performance or incident that includes sexual conduct by a child under eighteen (18) years of age;" commits child exploitation.*

Link to law: https://law.justia.com/codes/indiana/title-35/article-42/chapter-4/section-35-42-4-4/

Iowa

Iowa law **does** criminalize computer-generated CSAM. In 2024, Iowa enacted IA SF 2243, which modifies sexual exploitation of a minor laws to include computer-generated images. It states:

"For purposes of this subsection, "visual depiction of a minor" includes any visual depiction that has been created, adapted, or modified to give the appearance that an identifiable minor is engaged in a prohibited sexual act or the simulation of a prohibited sexual act."

Link to bill: https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=90&ba=SF%202243

Iowa also enacted IA HF 2240 in 2024, to criminalize the sharing of deepfake nudes as harassment.

Kansas

Kansas law **does** criminalize CSAM that is computer-generated:

"3) "performance" means any film, photograph, negative, slide, book, magazine or other printed or visual medium, any audio tape recording or any photocopy, video tape, video laser disk, computer hardware, software, floppy disk or any other computer related equipment or ***computer generated image*** *that contains or incorporates in any manner any film, photograph, negative, photocopy, video tape or video laser disk or any play or other live presentation;"...(5)"visual depiction" means any photograph, film, video picture, digital or* ***computer-generated image or picture, whether made or produced by electronic, mechanical or other means."***

Link to law:
https://www.kslegislature.gov/li_2012/b2011_12/statute/021_000_0000_chapter/021_055_0000_article/021_055_0010_section/021_055_0010_k/

Kentucky

Kentucky law **does** criminalize AI or computer-generated CSAM. In March 2024, Kentucky enacted House Bill 207, which expanded the CSAM statute to include AI-generated images.

"Computer-generated image" *means any visual depiction, including any 3 photograph, film, video, or picture, where the depiction has been created, 4 adapted, or modified by a computer to appear to be an identifiable person"*
*"A person is guilty of promoting a sexual performance by a minor when, knowing the character and content thereof, he or she produces, directs, or promotes any performance which i*ncludes sexual conduct by a minor or **computer-generated image** of a minor."

Link to bill: https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/24rs/hb207.html

Louisiana

Louisiana **DOES** have a law to criminalize AI-generated CSAM. **SB175, enacted in 2023** criminalize AI-generated CSAM, specifically, deepfakes of children, one of the first bills to do so. However, this bill does not criminalize AI-generated CSAM that is not made to look like a real, identifiable person.

Bill text:
*"**§73.13. Unlawful deepfakes** 8 A. Any person who, **with knowledge that the material is a deepfake depicting a minor**, knowingly creates or possesses material that depicts a minor engaging in sexual conduct shall be punished by imprisonment at hard labor for not less than five nor more than twenty years, or a fine of not more than ten thousand dollars, or both. At least five years of the sentence of imprisonment imposed shall be served without benefit of parole, probation or suspension of sentence.*
*B.(1) Except as provided in Paragraph (2) of this Subsection, **any person who, with knowledge that the material is a deepfake that depicts another person, without consent of the person depicted, engaging in sexual conduct,** knowingly advertises, distributes, exhibits, exchanges with, promotes, or sells any sexual material shall be punished by imprisonment at hard labor for not less than ten nor more than thirty years, a fine of not more than fifty thousand dollars, or both.*

*(2**) Any person who, with knowledge that the material is a deepfake depicting a minor, knowingly advertises, distributes, exhibits, exchanges with, promotes, or sells any sexual material that depicts a minor engaging in sexual conduct** shall be punished by imprisonment at hard labor for not less than ten nor more than thirty years, a fine of not more than fifty thousand dollars, or both. At least ten years of the sentence of imprisonment imposed shall be served without benefit of probation, parole, or suspension of sentence.*

*C. For the purposes of this Section: 4 (1) **"Deepfake" means any audio or visual media in an electronic format, including any motion picture film or video recording, that is created, altered, or digitally manipulated in a manner that would falsely appear to a reasonable observer to be an authentic record of the actual speech or conduct of the individual or replace an individual's likeness with another individual and 9 depicted in the recording.** "Deepfake" does not include any material that constitutes a work of political, public interest, or newsworthy value, including commentary, criticism, satire, or parody, or that includes content, context, or a clear disclosure visible throughout the duration of the recording that would cause a reasonable person to understand that the audio or visual media is not a record of a real event."*

Link to Law: https://legiscan.com/LA/text/SB175/2023

Maine

Maine law **does** criminalize AI-generated CSAM. HP1303, “An Act to Protect Children and Adults from Technology-facilitated Sexual Abuse”, enacted in June 2025, adds computer-generated images to the definition of child sexual abuse material that it is a crime to disseminate, includes using or adapting an image of an identifiable minor, including through AI, to create CSAM in the definition of child sexual exploitation, and criminalizes sharing of AI-generated images that look like images of an identifiable person as revenge porn.

Definitions from the law:

*"Child sexual abuse material" means any image or **computer-generated image** that depicts or appears to depict a minor engaged in, participating in, observing or being used for sexually explicit conduct.*

*1-B. **"Generative AI or machine learning"** means any computer algorithm or model that creates content, including, but not limited to, text, images, audio or video.*

1-C. "Identifiable child" means a person: A. Who was a minor at the time the image was created or whose likeness as a minor was used in creating, adapting or modifying the image; and

B. Who is recognizable as an actual person by that person's face, likeness or other distinguishing characteristic, such as a unique birthmark or other recognizable feature.

"Identifiable child" does not require proof of the actual identity of the identifiable child.

1-D. "Image" means something that is made, captured, generated or saved as a print, negative, slide, motion picture, photograph, computer data file, animation, videotape, livestream or other mechanically, electronically or chemically reproduced visual image or material.

2. "Minor" means a person who has not attained 18 years of age or an identifiable 25 child who has not attained 18 years of age…

***“§282. Sexual exploitation of minor** 1. A person is guilty of sexual exploitation of a minor if: A. Knowing or intending that the conduct will be photographed used to create an image and, for the purpose of arousing or gratifying the sexual desire of that person or another person, the person intentionally or knowingly employs, solicits, entices, persuades or uses another person an identifiable child, not that person's spouse, who has not in fact attained 16 years of age, to engage in sexually explicit conduct or **create child sexual abuse materia**l, except that it is not a violation of this paragraph if the identifiable child is 14 or 15 years of age and the person is less than 5 years older than the identifiable child.*

A-1. Knowing or intending that the conduct will be photographed used to create an image, the person intentionally or knowingly compels or induces by any threat another person, not that person's spouse, who is in fact a minor, to engage in sexually explicit conduct. Violation of this paragraph is a Class B crime;

A-2. ***The person intentionally or knowingly modifies or alters an image to depict child sexual abuse material and the identifiable child depicted is a minor****. Violation of this paragraph is a Class B crime;*

26 A-3. The person intentionally or knowingly manufactures or creates an image, including using generative AI or machine learning*, and the person knows or should know that the material depicts child sexual abuse material and is obscene material. Violation of this paragraph is a Class B crime…*

§283. Dissemination of sexually explicit child sexual abuse material

1. A person is guilty of dissemination of child sexual abuse material if:

A. The person intentionally or knowingly disseminates or possesses with intent to disseminate any ***child sexual abuse material that depicts or has been modified to depict any identifiable child*** *who has not in fact attained 16 years of age who the person knows or has reason to know is a person an identifiable child under 16 years of age engaging in sexually explicit conduct, except that it is not a 16 violation of this paragraph if the person depicted identifiable child is 14 or 15 years of age and the person is less than 5 years older than the person depicted identifiable child. Violation of this paragraph is a Class C crime;*

19 A-1. ***The person intentionally or knowingly disseminates or possesses with intent to disseminate any child sexual abuse material, including an image created using generative AI or machine learning,*** *or material that the person knows or should know depicts or attempts to depict a minor under 16 years of age engaging in sexually explicit conduct and is obscene material. It is not a violation of this paragraph if the minor depicted is 14 or 15 years of age and the person is less than 5 years older than the minor. Violation of this paragraph is a Class C crime;*

Link to bill text:
https://www.mainelegislature.org/legis/bills/getPDF.asp?paper=HP1303&item=1&snum=132

Maryland

Maryland law **does** criminalize AI or computer-generated CSAM.

(2) "Indistinguishable from an actual and identifiable child" includes a ***computer–generated image that has been created, adapted, or modified to appear as an actual and identifiable child****…(b) (1) A person may not knowingly possess and intentionally retain a film, videotape, photograph, or* ***other visual representation showing an actual child or a computer–generated image that is indistinguishable from an actual and identifiable child under the age of 16 years****:..." engaged in sexual conduct.*

Link to law:
https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgawebsite/Laws/StatuteText?article=gcr&section=11-208&enactments=false

Massachusetts

The Massachusetts CSAM statute does **NOT** explicitly criminalize AI or computer-generated CSAM. The CSAM statute includes "visual material of a child engaged in sexual conduct" that is "depicted by computer":

*"Section 29C. Whoever knowingly purchases or possesses a negative, slide, book, magazine, film, videotape, photograph or other similar visual reproduction, or **depiction by computer**, of any child whom the person knows or reasonably should know to be under the age of 18 years of age and such child is…"*

However, there have been no prosecutions in MA for computer-generated CSAM and this statute does not go far enough.

Link to current MA CSAM law:
https://malegislature.gov/Laws/GeneralLaws/PartIV/TitleI/Chapter272/Section29C
Massachusetts law **does** criminalize sharing of "deep-fake nudes" as harassment. **H4744, "An Act to Prevent Abuse and Exploitation," was enacted in June 2024.** This bill criminalizes the sharing of "deep-fake nudes" created through "digitization" by any person without the other person's consent as criminal harassment, including images of adults.

"Digitization" is defined as "*the creation or alteration of visual material including, but not limited to, through the use of computer-generated images, in a manner that would falsely appear to a reasonable person to be an authentic representation of the person depicted."*

The new law also updated the definition of sexual and domestic violence to include "coercive control" and outlawed "revenge porn" - the non-consensual sharing of sexual images of another person. Massachusetts had been one of only two states without a law criminalizing revenge porn. Importantly, for youth charged with disseminating, producing or possessing child sexual abuse material (CSAM), the bill established as an alternative to prosecution, **an educational diversion program for youth** on the legal and non-legal consequences of creating and sharing nude and sexual images, **including images altered with Artificial Intelligence (AI) technology.**

This new law will address the growing practice of teens engaged in sexting, creating exceptions for consensual sharing of sexual images between 16 and 18-year-olds, and consequences for those who share another's images without their consent.

Link to law: https://malegislature.gov/Bills/193/H4744

ENOUGH ABUSE worked to introduce another bill to update Massachusetts's child sexual abuse material statute to include images that are generated, modified or altered through technology to appear sexual. This bill was adopted as a Senate amendment to a larger economic development bill. Senator Paul Mark introduced **Amendment #94 "Protecting Against CSAM in the Massachusetts' Innovation Economy"** to S.3178 (the Senate amendment to the House Economic Development Bill) to do so. This amendment was adopted by the Senate on Thursday, July 25th, and just needs to be approved by the conference committee to be included in the final bill to be approved by the House and Senate and signed by Governor Healey to become law!

S.3178: https://malegislature.gov/Bills/194/S3178/Amendments/Senate?pageNumber=4&direction=&sortColumn=&keyword=

Amendment 94 text: https://enoughabuse.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/08/MA-CSAM-Amendment-94-to-Amendment-S.3178-as-adopted.pdf

Michigan

Michigan law **does** criminalize computer-generated CSAM. It states:

*"(o) "**Child sexually abusive material" means** any depiction, whether made or produced by electronic, mechanical, or other means, including a developed or undeveloped photograph, picture, film, slide, video, electronic visual image, computer diskette, computer or **computer-generated image**..."*

Link to law: https://legislature.mi.gov/Laws/MCL?objectName=MCL-750-145C

Minnesota

Minnesota law **does** criminalize computer-generated CSAM. It states:

"(f) "Pornographic work" means:

(1) an original or reproduction of a picture, film, photograph, negative, slide, videotape, videodisc, or drawing of a sexual performance involving a minor; or

*(2) **any visual depiction, including** any photograph, film, video, picture, drawing, negative, slide, or **computer-generated image** or picture, whether made or produced by electronic, mechanical, or other means that:*

(i) uses a minor to depict actual or simulated sexual conduct;

*(ii) **has been created, adapted, or modified to appear that an identifiable minor is engaging in sexual conduct;** or*

*(iii) is advertised, promoted, presented, described, or distributed in such a manner that conveys the impression that the materia*l is or contains a visual depiction of a minor engaging in sexual conduct."

Link to law: https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/617.246

Mississippi

Mississippi's CSAM statute **does** criminalize computer-generated images. In 2024, Mississippi enacted **MS HB 1126**, which adds computer-generated images depicting minor children in an explicit nature to child exploitation provisions. It states:

"(d) "Visual depiction" includes, without limitation, developed or undeveloped film and video tape or other visual unaltered, altered or morphed reproductions by computer and technology…

(f) "Morphed image" means any visual depiction or representation, including any photograph, film, video, picture, or computer or **computer-generated image or picture, whether made or produced by electronic, mechanical, simulated or other means**, of sexually explicit conduct, where such visual depiction or representation has been created, adapted, or modified to appear an identifiable minor is engaging in sexual conduct or sexually explicit activity to appearing in a state of sexually explicit nudity."

Link to law: https://billstatus.ls.state.ms.us/2024/pdf/history/HB/HB1126.xml

Missouri

Missouri law **does** criminalize computer-generated CSAM. It states:

*4) **"Child pornography"**:*

(a) Any obscene material or performance depicting sexual conduct, sexual contact as defined in section 566.010, or a sexual performance and which has as one of its participants or portrays as an observer of such conduct, contact, or performance a minor; or

*(b) Any visual depiction, including any photograph, film, video, picture, or computer or **computer-generated image or picture**, whether made or produced by electronic, mechanical, or other means, of sexually explicit conduct where..."*

Link to law: https://revisor.mo.gov/main/OneSection.aspx?section=573.010&bid=51065

Montana

Montana law **does** currently criminalize AI or computer-generated CSAM. House Bill 82 was passed in January 2025 and signed by the Governor on April 7th, 2025. This bill expands the definition of child sexual abuse material (CSAM) to encompass computer-generated imagery, addressing advancements in digital technology.

The section about child sexual abuse material states:

"45-5-625. Sexual abuse of children. (1) A person commits the offense of sexual abuse of children if the person: …

(d) knowingly processes, develops, prints, publishes, transports, distributes, sells, exhibits, or advertises any visual or print medium, including a medium by use of electronic communication in which a child is engaged in sexual conduct, actual or simulated;

(e) knowingly possesses any visual or print medium, including a medium by use of electronic communication ***or any computer-generated child pornography in which a child is engaged in sexual conduct, actual or simulated;"***

This bill also establishes the offense of "grooming of a child for a sexual offense," targeting behaviors intended to manipulate minors into sexual conduct; introduces stricter penalties for crimes involving child sexual exploitation, including mandatory minimum sentences and lifetime supervision for certain offenses; and allows for the prosecution of individuals attempting to engage in sexual offenses with law enforcement officers posing as minors, closing previous legal loopholes.

Link to bill, as enacted: https://bills.legmt.gov/#/laws/bill/2/LC0232?open_tab=bill

Nebraska

Nebraska's child sexual abuse material law **does** criminalize computer-generated CSAM. While it does not use the words "computer-generated" or "AI-generated", it states:

"6) Visual depiction means live performance or photographic representation and includes any undeveloped film or videotape or data stored on a computer disk or by other electronic means which is capable of conversion into a visual image and also includes any photograph, film, video, picture, ***digital image, or computer-displayed image, video, or picture, whether made or produced by electronic, mechanical, computer, digital, or other means.****"*

While similar in wording to Colorado and Maine's definition, since this law also says "**produced** by electrical, mechanical, computer, digital or other means", it does include computer or AI-generated CSAM.

One Omaha, Nebraska man was charged in August for transportation of CSAM, including AI-generated images. The Homeland Security Investigating agent stated:

"The sentencing of Nottingham for the transportation of child sex abuse material, involving both real children and AI-generated images, underscores the severity of these heinous crimes," said HSI Kansas City Special Agent in Charge Mark Zito. "Let it be unequivocally clear that whether these images are of real children or artificially created, they are equally criminal and reprehensible. Such actions perpetuate the exploitation and abuse of innocent victims, and we will relentlessly pursue and prosecute those who engage in these vile activities. Our commitment to protecting the most vulnerable members of our society remains unwavering."

Link to article: https://www.dhs.gov/hsi/news/2024/08/30/hsi-kansas-city-investigation-lands-nebraska-man-63-month-sentence-transporting

Link to law:

https://nebraskalegislature.gov/laws/statutes.php?statute=28-1463.02

Nevada

Nevada law **does** criminalize computer-generated CSAM. It states:

*"1. "Performance" means any play, film, photograph, **computer-generated image**, electronic representation, dance or other visual presentation."*

Link to law: https://www.leg.state.nv.us/nrs/nrs-200.html#NRS200Sec700

New Hampshire

New Hampshire law **does** criminalize computer-generated CSAM. It states:

*"IV. " Visual representation " means any visual depiction, including any photograph, film, video, digital image, picture, or computer or **computer-generated image or picture,** whether made or produced by electronic, mechanical, or other means, of sexually explicit conduct, where:*
(a) The production of such visual depiction involves the use of a child engaging in or being engaged in sexually explicit conduct; or
*(b) Such visual depiction is a digital image, computer image, or **computer-generated image** of a child engaging in or being engaged in sexually explicit conduct; or*
(c) Such visual depiction has been created, adapted, or modified to appear that an identifiable child is engaging in or being engaged in sexually explicit conduct."

Link to law: https://law.justia.com/codes/new-hampshire/2022/title-lxii/title-649-a/section-649-a-2/

New Jersey

New Jersey law **does** criminalize computer-generated CSAM. It states:

*“"Item depicting the sexual exploitation or abuse of a child" means a photograph, film, video, an electronic, electromagnetic or digital recording, an image stored or maintained in a computer program or file or in a portion of a file, **or any other reproduction** or reconstruction which :*

(a) depicts a child engaging in a prohibited sexual act or in the simulation of such an act; or

(b) portrays a child in a sexually suggestive manner. …

"Reproduction" means, but is not limited to, computer generated images.”

Link to law: https://law.justia.com/codes/new-jersey/title-2c/section-2c-24-4/

New Mexico

New Mexico law **does** criminalize computer-generated CSAM. It states:

“B. "visual or print medium" means:

(1) any film, photograph, negative, slide, computer diskette, videotape, videodisc or any computer or electronically generated imagery; or

*(2) any book, magazine or other form of publication or photographic reproduction containing or incorporating any film, photograph, negative, slide, computer diskette, videotape, videodisc or any **computer generated or electronically generated imagery;”***

Link to law: https://law.justia.com/codes/new-mexico/chapter-30/article-6a/section-30-6a-2/

New York

New York law **DOES** criminalize AI-generated CSAM when images of real children are used to created it (aka deepfakes). The Governor’s budget enacted in May 2025 modernizes the state penal law to treat AI-generated child sexual abuse material as child pornography. This change applies to real images manipulated to become explicit using AI.

Press release from Governor’s office: https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/governor-hochul-signs-legislation-expanding-historic-empire-ai-consortium-and-establishing

Law text (unknown page numbers):
https://nyassembly.gov/leg/?default_fld=&leg_video=&bn=S03008&term=2025&Summary=Y&Text=Y

In 2024, New York also passed a bill to criminalize the non-consensual sharing of deep fakes. In 2024, as part of a broader budget law (NY AB 8808 & SB 8308), lawmakers enacted a right of action against non-consensual sexual deep fakes and a prohibition on political deepfakes without a disclaimer. It states:

"*Any person depicted in a still or video image, i**ncluding an image created or altered by digitization,** regardless of whether or not the original still or video image was consensually obtained, shall have a cause of action against an individual who, for the purpose of harassing, annoying or alarming such person, disseminated or published, or threatened to disseminate or publish, such still or video image, where such image:*

*4. Any person depicted in a still or video image, i**ncluding an image created or altered by digitization, t**hat depicts an unclothed or exposed intimate part of such person, or such person engaging in sexual conduct"*

Link to AB 8808:
https://assembly.state.ny.us/leg/?default_fld=&leg_video=&bn=A08808&term=2023&Summary=Y&Actions=Y&Text=Y

North Carolina

North Carolina law **does** criminalize computer-generated CSAM. In 2024, North Carolina enacted **HB 591**, which criminalizes sextortion (sexual extortion), and includes using sexual AI-generated images to compel a victim. It also updates criminal provisions on sexual exploitation of a minor to include computer-generated depictions.

It states:
*"(3) Image. – A photograph, film, videotape, recording, live transmission, **digital or computer-generated visual depiction, including a realistic visual depiction created, adapted, or modified by technological means, including algorithms or artificial intelligence**, such that a reasonable person would believe the image depicts an identifiable individual, or any other reproduction that is created, adapted, or modified by electronic, mechanical, or other means…*

"Sexual Extortion. – A person commits the offense of sexual extortion if the person intentionally threatens to disclose a private image, or to decline to delete, remove, or retract a previously disclosed private image, of the victim or of an immediate family member of the victim in order to compel or attempt to compel the victim or an immediate family member of the victim to do any act or refrain from doing any act against the victim's will, with the intent to obtain additional private images or anything else of value or any acquittance, advantage, or immunity."

Link to law: https://ncleg.gov/Sessions/2023/Bills/House/PDF/H591v5.pdf

North Dakota

North Dakota law **DOES** criminalize AI-generated CSAM. **HB1386 was enacted in April 2025** to add images created by artificial intelligence to state law prohibiting the possession of child pornography.

Law text:
12.1-27.2-01. Definitions. As used in this chapter: 1. ***"Computer-generated image" means an image or visual representation created through the use of artificial intelligence or other computer program****. 2.* ***"Minor" means an individual under eighteen years of age or a computer-generated image used, created, adapted, altered, or modified to appear to depict an individual under eighteen years of age by face, likeness, or other distinguishing characteristics.***
12.1-27.2-04.1. Possession of certain materials prohibited. 1. A person is guilty of a class C felony if, knowing of its character and content, that person knowingly possesses any motion picture, computer-generated image, photograph, or other visual representation that includes sexual conduct by a minor*. 2. An individual violating this section is guilty of a class B felony if: a. The offense involved twenty or more images; b. The offense involved sadistic or masochistic conduct or other depictions of violence; c. The offense involved sexual bestiality; d. The offense involves a prepubescent minor or a minor under twelve years of age; or e. The individual has previously been convicted of an offense subject to registration under section 12.1 - 32 - 15. 3. This section does not impose liability on the provider of an interactive computer service, as defined in 47 U.S.C. 230, or an internet service provider, cloud computer provider, cybersecurity provider, communication service provider, or information service or telecommunication service network, as defined in 47 U.S.C. 153, for any content provided by another person.*

Link to law: https://ndlegis.gov/assembly/69-2025/regular/documents/25-1064-05000.pdf

Ohio

Ohio law does **NOT** criminalize computer-generated CSAM, though two bills are pending in 2026 to do so. The current CSAM statute states:

"(J) "Material" means any book, magazine, newspaper, pamphlet, poster, print, picture, figure, image, description, motion picture film, phonographic record, or tape, or other tangible thing capable of arousing interest through sight, sound, or touch and includes an image or text appearing on a computer monitor, television screen, liquid crystal display, or similar display

device or an image or text recorded on a computer hard disk, computer floppy disk, compact disk, magnetic tape, or similar data storage device.

(K) "Performance" means any motion picture, preview, trailer, play, show, skit, dance, or other exhibition performed before an audience."

Link to law: https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code/section-2907.01

In 2025, Ohio passed as part of its state budget a law which criminalizes the non-consensual sharing of "fabricated" sexual images of another person over the age of 18:

(pgs. 781, 807-809 of the budget linked below):

(F) ***"Fabricated sexual image"*** *means a created, adapted, or modified image that depicts another person, the other person is recognizable in the image by the other person's face, likeness, or other distinguishing characteristic, and the other person depicted in the image is in a state of nudity or is engaged in a sexual act.*

(C) No person shall knowingly disseminate a fabricated sexual image of another person without the other person's consent.

(D) No person shall, without the consent of the depicted person, in order to harass, extort, threaten, or cause physical, emotional, reputational, or economic harm to a person falsely depicted, knowingly do either of the following:
(1) Create a fabricated sexual image with intent to distribute;
(2) Solicit the creation of a fabricated sexual image with intent to distribute

(2)(a) Except as otherwise provided in division (H)(2)(b) of this section, whoever violates division (C) of this section is guilty ***of nonconsensual dissemination of fabricated sexual images, a felony of the fourth degree.***
(b) If the offender has previously been convicted of or pleaded guilty to a violation of this section, a sexually oriented offense, or a child-victim oriented offense, nonconsensual dissemination of fabricated sexual images is a felony of the third degree.
(3)(a) Except as otherwise provided in division (H)(3)(b) of this section, whoever violates division (D) of this section is guilty of nonconsensual creation of fabricated sexual images, a felony of the fourth degree.
(b) If the offender has previously been convicted of or pleaded guilty to a violation of this section, a sexually oriented offense, or a child-victim oriented offense, nonconsensual creation of fabricated sexual images is a felony of the third degree."

(See pgs. 781, 807-809 of the budget linked below):

Link to law: https://search-prod.lis.state.oh.us/api/v2/general_assembly_136/legislation/hb96/07_EN/pdf/

However, this law did not update Ohio's child sexual abuse material statute to include AI-generated or modified images. Three bills are currently pending in 2026 to do so:

SB 393 passed in the Senate and was referred to the House Judiciary Committee in May 2026. This bill would criminalize the creation, possession, dissemination, sale or solicitation of any "artificially generated depiction of a minor."

SB 393: https://search-prod.lis.state.oh.us/api/v2/general_assembly_136/legislation/sb393/02_PS/pdf/

SB 163 was introduced in 2025, passed in the Senate, and was reported to the House Technology and Information Committee as of 5/27/2026.

Link to SB 163: https://ohiohouse.gov/legislation/136/sb163

House Bill 786 was introduced on March 24th 2026, and currently sits before the Judiciary Committee **as of October 2026.**

Summary: This bill strives to update Ohio law to explicitly include AI-generated depiction of minors within existing child sexual abuse laws. This law will effectively ban any "artificially-generated depiction of a minor" in any "material or performance", "photography", "advertisement", "solicitation", "financing", "presentation", "possession", "dissemination", and more. This bill amends sections 2907.321, 2907.322, and 2907.323 of the Revised Code to prohibit use of an artificially generated depiction of a minor for obscene purposes.

Link to HB 786: https://search-prod.lis.state.oh.us/api/v2/general_assembly_136/legislation/hb786/00_IN/pdf/

Oklahoma

Oklahoma law **does** criminalize computer-generated CSAM. In 2024, Oklahoma enacted **OK HB 3642,** which adds to child pornography laws visual depictions of children that have been modified or computer-generated. It states:

"2. Any visual depiction of a child that has been adapted, altered, or modified so that the child depicted appears to be engaged in any act of sexually explicit conduct; or 3. Any visual depiction that appears to be a child, regardless of whether the image is a depiction of an actual child, ***a computer generated image, or an image altered to appear to be a child,*** *engaged in any act of sexually explicit conduct, and such visual depiction is obscene"*

Link to law: http://www.oklegislature.gov/BillInfo.aspx?Bill=HB3642&session=2400

Oregon

Oregon law **does** criminalize computer-generated CSAM. It states:

"Visual depiction" includes, but is not limited to, visual recordings, pictures and ***computer-generated images and pictures, whether made or produced by electronic, mechanical or other means.***

Link to law: https://oregon.public.law/statutes/ors_163.665

Pennsylvania

Pennsylvania law **does** criminalize AI-generated CSAM. It states:

"§ 6312. Sexual abuse of children.

…(b) Photographing, videotaping, ***depicting on computer*** *or filming sexual acts.--*

(1) Any person who causes or knowingly permits a child under the age of 18 years to engage in a prohibited sexual act or in the simulation of such act commits an offense if such person knows, has reason to know or intends that such act may be photographed, videotaped, ***depicted on computer*** *or filmed.*

(2) Any person who knowingly photographs, videotapes, ***depicts on computer*** *or films a child under the age of 18 years engaging in a prohibited sexual act or in the simulation of such an act commits an offense.*

(c) Dissemination of photographs, videotapes, computer depictions and films.--Any person who knowingly sells, distributes, delivers, disseminates, transfers, displays or exhibits to others, or who possesses for the purpose of sale, distribution, delivery, dissemination, transfer, display or exhibition to others, any child sexual abuse material or ***artificially generated child sexual abuse material*** *commits an offense.*

(d) Child sexual abuse material.--Any person who intentionally views or knowingly possesses or controls any ***child sexual abuse material or artificially generated child sexual abuse material*** *commits an offense."*

Link to law:
https://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/legis/LI/consCheck.cfm?txtType=HTM&ttl=18&div=0&chpt=63&sctn=12&subsctn=0

Rhode Island

Rhode Island law **does** criminalize computer-generated CSAM. It states:

*"**(1)** "Child pornography" means any visual depiction, including any photograph, film, video, picture, or computer or **computer-generated image or picture, whether made or produced by electronic, mechanical, or other means**, of sexually explicit conduct where:*

(i) The production of such visual depiction involves the use of a minor engaging in sexually explicit conduct;

*(ii) Such visual depiction is a digital image, **computer image, or computer-generated image of a minor engaging in sexually explicit conduct;** or*

(iii) Such visual depiction has been created, adapted, or modified to display an identifiable minor engaging in sexually explicit conduct."

Link to law: http://webserver.rilin.state.ri.us/statutes/title11/11-9/11-9-1.3.htm

South Carolina

South Carolina law **DOES** criminalize AI-generated CSAM. **SB28 was enacted in May 2025** to criminalize fully AI-generated CSAM as well as morphed images and deepfakes. It includes lower penalties for minors charged under the law, including cases to be heard in family court, and referral to counseling. The law also requires schools to educate students about this law.

Law text:

"Obscene visual representations of child sexual abuse, penalties

SECTION 1. Article 3, Chapter 15, Title 16 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 16-15-390. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Obscene" has the same meaning as Section 16-15-305.

*(2) "**Visual depiction or representation"** means and includes undeveloped film and videotape, and data stored on a computer disk or by electronic means that is capable of conversion into a visual image, and also includes any photograph, film, video, picture, digital image or picture**, computer image or picture, or computer-generated image or picture, whether made or produced by electronic, mechanical, or other means.***

*(B) Any person who knowingly produces, distributes, solicits, or possesses with intent to distribute, a **visual depiction or representation that depicts a minor engaging in sexually explicit conduct, sexually explicit activity, or sexually explicit nudity, and is obscene, or attempts or conspires to do so, is guilty of a felony and, upon conviction, must be imprisoned no more than ten years.***

(C) Any person who knowingly possesses a visual depiction or representation that depicts a minor engaging in sexually explicit conduct, sexually explicit activity, or sexually explicit nudity, and is obscene, or attempts or conspires to do so is guilty of a felony and, upon conviction, must be imprisoned no more than ten years.

*(D) **The offense is a misdemeanor to be heard by the family court if the person charged***

under this section is a minor, and the minor has no prior adjudication under this section or for any offense for which a person may be included in the sex offender registry. The family court may order behavioral health counseling from an appropriate agency or provider, as a condition of adjudicating a minor…

Educating students

SECTION 4. ***The State Department of Education, the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division, and the Attorney General's Office, as appropriate, shall develop and implement a policy to educate and notify students of the provision of this act****. The State Department of Education must file a report as to the status of the adoption and implementation of the education policies under this act to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representative, by July 1, 2026."*

Link to SB28: https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess126_2025-2026/bills/28.htm

South Dakota

South Dakota law **does** criminalize computer-generated CSAM. South Dakota passed **SB 79** in February 2024 to criminalize computer-generated CSAM. This bill entails that a person is guilty of possessing child pornography if they knowingly have any visual depiction (real or computer-generated) of a minor involved in a prohibited sexual act or a simulation of one. Violating this law is classified as a Class 4 felony. The law also includes a definition for the crime of distributing child pornography.

This bill updates the legal definitions and penalties for offenses involving the possession, distribution, and manufacture of child pornography. A key aspect of SB 79 is the inclusion of provisions addressing artificial intelligence (AI) and deepfake technology. The bill criminalizes the creation and distribution of AI-generated content that portrays children in explicit situations, whether or not it involves real individuals, in order to close legal loopholes related to emerging digital manipulations.

Chapter 22-24A:

> *"A person is guilty of possessing child pornography if the person knowingly possesses:*
>
> *(1) Any visual depiction of a minor engaging in a prohibited sexual act, or in a simulation of a prohibited sexual act; or*
>
> *(2) Any* ***computer-generated child pornography****."*

Link to law/updates:

https://www.usnews.com/news/best-states/south-dakota/articles/2024-02-05/bills-go-to-noem-to-criminalize-ai-generated-child-sexual-abuse-images-xylazine-in-south-dakota

https://legiscan.com/SD/bill/SB79/2024

https://news.sd.gov/news?id=news_kb_article_view&sys_id=7f82e4a31bbf7d10d54d62c6bc4bcb7b

https://sdlegislature.gov/Session/Bill/24991/261879

Tennessee

Tennessee **does** criminalize AI or computer-generated CSAM.

- The attorney general of Tennessee endorsed the Child Exploitation and Artificial Intelligence Expert Commission Act of 2024.
- The state also enacted legislation that specifies that **computer-generated images that were modified, adapted, or created by AI** are included as material that can violate laws prohibiting the sexual exploitation of children.
- The charges for AI-generated child pornography are very similar to charges you could face for pornography showing real children.
    - Creating or distributing the content could result in being charged with a Class B felony
    - Possessing or accessing it could be charged with a Class C felony.

Link to law: https://publications.tnsosfiles.com/acts/113/pub/pc0911.pdf

Texas

Texas law **does** criminalize AI or computer-generated CSAM. In 2023, Texas passed Texas House Bill 2700, and section 3 explicitly states:

" (b-1) For purposes of conduct prohibited under Subsection (b), visual material to which that conduct applies includes a depiction of a child:
(1) who is recognizable as an actual person by the person's face, likeness, or other distinguishing characteristic, such as a unique birthmark or other recognizable feature; and
*(2) **whose image as a child younger than 18 years of age was used in creating, adapting, or modifying the visual material, including computer-generated visual material that was created, adapted, or modified using an artificial intelligence application or other computer software."***

The law prohibits AI-created or photo-edited child pornography that depicts a real child.

Link to law: https://legiscan.com/TX/text/HB2700/2023

Utah

Utah **does** criminalize AI or computer-generated CSAM. This law was enacted in 2024. It states:

"(1) "Child sexual abuse material" means any visual depiction, including any live performance, photograph, film, video, picture, or computer ***or computer-generated image, picture, or video, whether made or produced by electronic, mechanical, or other means****, of sexually explicit conduct, where:*

(a) the production of the visual depiction involves the use of a minor engaging in sexually explicit conduct;

(b) the visual depiction is:

(i) of a minor engaging in sexually explicit conduct; or

(ii) ***artificially generated and depicts an individual with substantial characteristics of a minor engaging in sexually explicit conduct; or***

(c) ***the visual depiction has been created, adapted, or modified to appear that an identifiable minor is engaging in sexually explicit conduct."***

Recently, HCR003 (concurrent resolution) was passed which addresses CSAM AI. The resolution declares that CSAM, regardless of whether it involves real children or is generated through AI or other digital tools, is offensive and contrary to the values of the people of Utah. It emphasizes that there is no acceptable justification for the creation or distribution of CSAM, even if it lacks real victims.

Link to resolution: https://le.utah.gov/~2024/bills/static/HCR003.html

Link to law: https://le.utah.gov/xcode/Title76/Chapter5b/76-5b-S103.html

Vermont

Vermont law does **NOT** criminalize AI or computer-generated CSAM. In 2026, there was a pending bill to do so, however, it did not pass.

The current child sexual abuse material statute states:

"§ 2824. Promoting a recording of sexual conduct

(a) No person may, with knowledge of the character and content, promote any photograph, film, or visual recording of sexual conduct by, with, or on a child, or of a

lewd exhibition of a child's genitals or anus. This subsection does not apply to paintings, drawings, or to nonvisual or written descriptions of sexual conduct."

Link to law: https://legislature.vermont.gov/statutes/fullchapter/13/064

However, in 2024, Vermont enacted a sexual deepfake law, **HB 878,** which added images created or altered by digitization to criminal provisions prohibiting the dissemination of sexually explicit images without consent. It states:

"(5) "Visual image" includes a photograph, film, videotape, recording, or digital reproduction, including an image created or altered by digitization.

(6) "Digitization" means the process of altering an image in a realistic manner utilizing an image or images of a person, including images other than the person depicted, or computer-generated images.

(b)(1) A person violates this section if the person knowingly discloses a visual image of an identifiable person who is nude or who is engaged in sexual conduct, without his or her the person's consent, with the intent to harm, harass, intimidate, threaten, or coerce the person depicted, and the disclosure would cause a reasonable person to suffer harm."

Link to 2024 deepfake law: https://legislature.vermont.gov/bill/status/2024/H.878

Additionally, in 2026, H.875 was pending to amend statutes (Sec. 1. 13 V.S.A. § 2821, §2824, and §2827) to include the criminalization of "the possession and promotion of child sexual abuse materials to include visual or print medium images that are computer generated if such images are indistinguishable from an actual child engaged in the conduct". Computer generated means "produced, adapted, or modified, in whole or in part, through the use of artificial intelligence".

This bill unfortunately did not pass as of August 2026.

Link to 2026 bill H.875: https://legislature.vermont.gov/bill/status/2026/H.875

Virginia

Virginia law **does** criminalize AI-generated CSAM. In 2024, Virginia enacted VA **SB 731**, which amended the definition of "child pornography" to include sexually explicit visual material that depicts a minor in a state of nudity or engaged in sexual conduct where such depiction is obscene and specifies that such minor does not have to actually exist.

The current definition of child pornography is:

"child pornography" means sexually explicit visual material which that (i) utilizes or has as a subject an identifiable minor or (ii) depicts a minor in a state of nudity or engaged in sexual conduct…An identifiable minor is a person who was a minor at the time the ***visual depiction was created, adapted, or modified; or whose image as a minor was used in creating, adapting or modifying the visual depiction;*** *and who is recognizable as an actual person by the person's face, likeness, or other distinguishing characteristic, such as a unique birthmark or other recognizable feature; and shall not be construed to require proof of the actual identity of the identifiable minor. F*or the purposes of clause **(ii), the minor depicted does not have to actually exist**

…the term "sexually explicit visual material" means a picture, photograph, drawing, sculpture, motion picture film, digital image, including such material stored in a computer's temporary Internet cache when three or more images or streaming videos are present, or similar visual representation which depicts…"

Link to law: https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/title18.2/chapter5/section18.2-374.1/

Washington

Washington law **DOES** criminalize computer-generated CSAM. **HB1999** was enacted in March 2024, which specifically adds and outlaws deepfakes (AI-generated CSAM) to their child sexual abuse material laws. It states:

"Fabricated depiction of an identifiable minor" and "fabricated depiction" mean any visual or printed matter that depicts a minor who is identifiable from the matter itself or from information displayed with or otherwise connected to the matter, and that was created or altered by digitization to depict the minor engaging in sexually explicit conduct in which the minor did not actually engage.

(8) "Digitization" means creating or altering any visual or printed matter to depict an identifiable minor in a realistic manner utilizing images of another person or computer-generated images, regardless of whether such creation or alteration is accomplished manually or through an automated process. ***"Digitization" includes, but is not limited to, creation or alteration of any visual or printed matter by using artificial intelligence.****"*

Link to law: https://www.billtrack50.com/billdetail/1656113

West Virginia

West Virginia law **DOES** criminalize AI or computer-generated CSAM. **SB 741** passed this year amending state laws to address and outlaw AI in child porn.

"Article 8B. Filming of Sexually Explicit Conduct of Minors.

§61-8C-12. Prohibiting the creation production, distribution receipt, or possession with intent to distribute visual depictions of child pornography using artificial intelligence; making findings; defining terms; establishing penalties.

(a) The Legislature hereby finds that the ***use of artificial intelligence products to create lifelike, seemingly real media representations of children engaging in sexually explicit conduct*** *as a means of avoiding existing sanctions for the making of child pornography using actual children is a growing problem in the United States which, if it has not done so already, poses a serious threat to West Virginia children. The Legislature further finds that using artificial means of production of child pornography not using actual minors promotes illegal sexual conduct against children.*

Lastly, the Legislature finds that criminalizing the production and creation of artificial intelligence generated child pornography is the most effective means of protecting West Virginia children."

Link to law:
https://www.wvlegislature.gov/bill_status/bills_text.cfm?billdoc=sb741%20intr.htm&yr=2024&sesstype=RS&i=741

Wisconsin

Wisconsin law **does** criminalize AI or computer-generated CSAM. The law was updated this year to include "possession of virtual child pornography". It states:

*"**948.125 Possession of virtual child pornography.***

(1) *DEFINITIONS. In this section:*

(a) *"Depiction of a purported child" means a visual representation that appears to depict an actual child but may or may not depict an actual child.*

(b) *"Obscene material" means a photograph, film, motion picture, or digital or computer-generated image or picture, whether made or produced by electronic, mechanical, or other means"*

Wisconsin child pornography laws make it illegal to possess any visual depiction of a minor engaging in sexually explicit conduct. This includes photographs, videos, or digital media, regardless of whether the images are real or digitally manipulated (such as AI-generated content).

Recently, 20-year-old Meillo Schneider has been charged with seven counts of possessing virtual child pornography for allegedly accessing computer-generated child pornography.

Link to news article: https://wtaq.com/2024/11/13/863015/

Link to statute: https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/statutes/statutes/948/11

Wyoming

Wyoming law **does** criminalize computer-generated CSAM. It states:

*"**6-4-303. Sexual exploitation of children; penalties; definitions.***

(a) As used in this section:

(i) "Child" means a person under the age of eighteen (18) years;

*(ii) "Child pornography" means any visual depiction, including any photograph, film, video, picture, computer **or computer-generated image or picture, whether or not made or produced by electronic, mechanical or other means,** of explicit sexual conduct, where:*

(A) The production of the visual depiction involves the use of a child engaging in explicit sexual conduct;

(B) The visual depiction is of explicit sexual conduct involving a child or an individual virtually indistinguishable from a child; or

(C) The visual depiction has been created, adapted or modified to depict explicit sexual conduct involving a child or an individual virtually indistinguishable from a child."

Link to law: https://law.justia.com/codes/wyoming/title-6/chapter-4/article-3/section-6-4-303/

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