

# SENATE BILL No. 181

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 35-42-4-4.

**Synopsis:** Accessing child pornography. Makes it a Level 6 felony for a person to access, with intent to view, a photograph or other pictorial representation that depicts or describes sexual conduct by a child who the person knows is less than 18 years of age or who appears to be less than 18 years of age.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

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Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2016 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning criminal law and procedure.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 35-42-4-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.13-2016,  
2 SECTION 15, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3 JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 4. (a) The following definitions apply throughout  
4 this section:  
5 (1) "Disseminate" means to transfer possession for free or for a  
6 consideration.  
7 (2) "Matter" has the same meaning as in IC 35-49-1-3.  
8 (3) "Performance" has the same meaning as in IC 35-49-1-7.  
9 (4) "Sexual conduct" means:  
10 (A) sexual intercourse;  
11 (B) other sexual conduct (as defined in IC 35-31.5-2-221.5);  
12 (C) exhibition of the:  
13 (i) uncovered genitals; or  
14 (ii) female breast with less than a fully opaque covering of  
15 any part of the nipple;  
16 intended to satisfy or arouse the sexual desires of any person;  
17 (D) sadomasochistic abuse;



- 1 (E) sexual intercourse or other sexual conduct (as defined in  
2 IC 35-31.5-2-221.5) with an animal; or  
3 (F) any fondling or touching of a child by another person or of  
4 another person by a child intended to arouse or satisfy the  
5 sexual desires of either the child or the other person.  
6 (b) A person who:  
7 (1) knowingly or intentionally manages, produces, sponsors,  
8 presents, exhibits, photographs, films, videotapes, or creates a  
9 digitized image of any performance or incident that includes  
10 sexual conduct by a child under eighteen (18) years of age;  
11 (2) knowingly or intentionally disseminates, exhibits to another  
12 person, offers to disseminate or exhibit to another person, or  
13 sends or brings into Indiana for dissemination or exhibition matter  
14 that depicts or describes sexual conduct by a child under eighteen  
15 (18) years of age;  
16 (3) knowingly or intentionally makes available to another person  
17 a computer, knowing that the computer's fixed drive or peripheral  
18 device contains matter that depicts or describes sexual conduct by  
19 a child less than eighteen (18) years of age; or  
20 (4) with the intent to satisfy or arouse the sexual desires of any  
21 person:  
22 (A) knowingly or intentionally:  
23 (i) manages;  
24 (ii) produces;  
25 (iii) sponsors;  
26 (iv) presents;  
27 (v) exhibits;  
28 (vi) photographs;  
29 (vii) films;  
30 (viii) videotapes; or  
31 (ix) creates a digitized image of;  
32 any performance or incident that includes the uncovered  
33 genitals of a child less than eighteen (18) years of age or the  
34 exhibition of the female breast with less than a fully opaque  
35 covering of any part of the nipple by a child less than eighteen  
36 (18) years of age;  
37 (B) knowingly or intentionally:  
38 (i) disseminates to another person;  
39 (ii) exhibits to another person;  
40 (iii) offers to disseminate or exhibit to another person; or  
41 (iv) sends or brings into Indiana for dissemination or  
42 exhibition;



1 matter that depicts the uncovered genitals of a child less than  
 2 eighteen (18) years of age or the exhibition of the female  
 3 breast with less than a fully opaque covering of any part of the  
 4 nipple by a child less than eighteen (18) years of age; or  
 5 (C) makes available to another person a computer, knowing  
 6 that the computer's fixed drive or peripheral device contains  
 7 matter that depicts the uncovered genitals of a child less than  
 8 eighteen (18) years of age or the exhibition of the female  
 9 breast with less than a fully opaque covering of any part of the  
 10 nipple by a child less than eighteen (18) years of age;

11 commits child exploitation, a Level 5 felony.

12 (c) However, the offense of child exploitation described in  
 13 subsection (b) is a Level 4 felony if:

14 (1) the sexual conduct, matter, performance, or incident depicts  
 15 or describes a child less than eighteen (18) years of age who:

16 (A) engages in bestiality (as described in IC 35-46-3-14);

17 (B) is mentally disabled or deficient;

18 (C) participates in the sexual conduct, matter, performance, or  
 19 incident by use of force or the threat of force;

20 (D) physically or verbally resists participating in the sexual  
 21 conduct, matter, performance, or incident;

22 (E) receives a bodily injury while participating in the sexual  
 23 conduct, matter, performance, or incident; or

24 (F) is less than twelve (12) years of age; or

25 (2) the child less than eighteen (18) years of age:

26 (A) engages in bestiality (as described in IC 35-46-3-14);

27 (B) is mentally disabled or deficient;

28 (C) participates in the sexual conduct, matter, performance, or  
 29 incident by use of force or the threat of force;

30 (D) physically or verbally resists participating in the sexual  
 31 conduct, matter, performance, or incident;

32 (E) receives a bodily injury while participating in the sexual  
 33 conduct, matter, performance, or incident; or

34 (F) is less than twelve (12) years of age.

35 (d) A person who knowingly or intentionally possesses **or**  
 36 **knowingly or intentionally accesses with intent to view:**

37 (1) a picture;

38 (2) a drawing;

39 (3) a photograph;

40 (4) a negative image;

41 (5) undeveloped film;

42 (6) a motion picture;



- 1 (7) a videotape;  
 2 (8) a digitized image; or  
 3 (9) any pictorial representation;  
 4 that depicts or describes sexual conduct by a child who the person  
 5 knows is less than eighteen (18) years of age or who appears to be less  
 6 than eighteen (18) years of age, and that lacks serious literary, artistic,  
 7 political, or scientific value commits possession of child pornography,  
 8 a Level 6 felony.
- 9 (e) However, the offense of possession of child pornography  
 10 described in subsection (d) is a Level 5 felony if:
- 11 (1) the item described in subsection (d)(1) through (d)(9) depicts  
 12 or describes sexual conduct by a child who the person knows is  
 13 less than eighteen (18) years of age, or who appears to be less  
 14 than eighteen (18) years of age, who:
- 15 (A) engages in bestiality (as described in IC 35-46-3-14);  
 16 (B) is mentally disabled or deficient;  
 17 (C) participates in the sexual conduct, matter, performance, or  
 18 incident by use of force or the threat of force;  
 19 (D) physically or verbally resists participating in the sexual  
 20 conduct, matter, performance, or incident;  
 21 (E) receives a bodily injury while participating in the sexual  
 22 conduct, matter, performance, or incident; or  
 23 (F) is less than twelve (12) years of age; or
- 24 (2) the child whose sexual conduct is depicted or described in an  
 25 item described in subsection (d)(1) through (d)(9):
- 26 (A) engages in bestiality (as described in IC 35-46-3-14);  
 27 (B) is mentally disabled or deficient;  
 28 (C) participates in the sexual conduct, matter, performance, or  
 29 incident by use of force or the threat of force;  
 30 (D) physically or verbally resists participating in the sexual  
 31 conduct, matter, performance, or incident;  
 32 (E) receives a bodily injury while participating in the sexual  
 33 conduct, matter, performance, or incident; or  
 34 (F) is less than twelve (12) years of age.
- 35 (f) Subsections (b), (c), (d), and (e) do not apply to a bona fide  
 36 school, museum, or public library that qualifies for certain property tax  
 37 exemptions under IC 6-1.1-10, or to an employee of such a school,  
 38 museum, or public library acting within the scope of the employee's  
 39 employment when the possession of the listed materials is for  
 40 legitimate scientific or educational purposes.
- 41 (g) It is a defense to a prosecution under this section that:  
 42 (1) the person is a school employee; and



- 1 (2) the acts constituting the elements of the offense were  
 2 performed solely within the scope of the person's employment as  
 3 a school employee.
- 4 (h) Except as provided in subsection (i), it is a defense to a  
 5 prosecution under subsection (b), (c), (d), or (e) if all of the following  
 6 apply:
- 7 (1) A cellular telephone, another wireless or cellular  
 8 communications device, or a social networking web site was used  
 9 to possess, produce, or disseminate the image.
- 10 (2) The defendant is not more than four (4) years older or younger  
 11 than the person who is depicted in the image or who received the  
 12 image.
- 13 (3) The relationship between the defendant and the person who  
 14 received the image or who is depicted in the image was a dating  
 15 relationship or an ongoing personal relationship. For purposes of  
 16 this subdivision, the term "ongoing personal relationship" does  
 17 not include a family relationship.
- 18 (4) The crime was committed by a person less than twenty-two  
 19 (22) years of age.
- 20 (5) The person receiving the image or who is depicted in the  
 21 image acquiesced in the defendant's conduct.
- 22 (i) The defense to a prosecution described in subsection (h) does not  
 23 apply if:
- 24 (1) the person who receives the image disseminates it to a person  
 25 other than the person:
- 26 (A) who sent the image; or  
 27 (B) who is depicted in the image;
- 28 (2) the image is of a person other than the person who sent the  
 29 image or received the image; or
- 30 (3) the dissemination of the image violates:
- 31 (A) a protective order to prevent domestic or family violence  
 32 issued under IC 34-26-5 (or, if the order involved a family or  
 33 household member, under IC 34-26-2 or IC 34-4-5.1-5 before  
 34 their repeal);
- 35 (B) an ex parte protective order issued under IC 34-26-5 (or,  
 36 if the order involved a family or household member, an  
 37 emergency order issued under IC 34-26-2 or IC 34-4-5.1  
 38 before their repeal);
- 39 (C) a workplace violence restraining order issued under  
 40 IC 34-26-6;
- 41 (D) a no contact order in a dispositional decree issued under  
 42 IC 31-34-20-1, IC 31-37-19-1, or IC 31-37-5-6 (or



- 1 IC 31-6-4-15.4 or IC 31-6-4-15.9 before their repeal) or an  
 2 order issued under IC 31-32-13 (or IC 31-6-7-14 before its  
 3 repeal) that orders the person to refrain from direct or indirect  
 4 contact with a child in need of services or a delinquent child;  
 5 (E) a no contact order issued as a condition of pretrial release,  
 6 including release on bail or personal recognizance, or pretrial  
 7 diversion, and including a no contact order issued under  
 8 IC 35-33-8-3.6;  
 9 (F) a no contact order issued as a condition of probation;  
 10 (G) a protective order to prevent domestic or family violence  
 11 issued under IC 31-15-5 (or IC 31-16-5 or IC 31-1-11.5-8.2  
 12 before their repeal);  
 13 (H) a protective order to prevent domestic or family violence  
 14 issued under IC 31-14-16-1 in a paternity action;  
 15 (I) a no contact order issued under IC 31-34-25 in a child in  
 16 need of services proceeding or under IC 31-37-25 in a juvenile  
 17 delinquency proceeding;  
 18 (J) an order issued in another state that is substantially similar  
 19 to an order described in clauses (A) through (I);  
 20 (K) an order that is substantially similar to an order described  
 21 in clauses (A) through (I) and is issued by an Indian:  
 22 (i) tribe;  
 23 (ii) band;  
 24 (iii) pueblo;  
 25 (iv) nation; or  
 26 (v) organized group or community, including an Alaska  
 27 Native village or regional or village corporation as defined  
 28 in or established under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement  
 29 Act (43 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.);  
 30 that is recognized as eligible for the special programs and  
 31 services provided by the United States to Indians because of  
 32 their special status as Indians;  
 33 (L) an order issued under IC 35-33-8-3.2; or  
 34 (M) an order issued under IC 35-38-1-30.  
 35 (j) It is a defense to a prosecution under this section that:  
 36 (1) the person was less than eighteen (18) years of age at the time  
 37 the alleged offense was committed; and  
 38 (2) the circumstances described in IC 35-45-4-6(a)(2) through  
 39 IC 35-45-4-6(a)(4) apply.  
 40 (k) A person is entitled to present the defense described in  
 41 subsection (j) in a pretrial hearing. If a person proves by a  
 42 preponderance of the evidence in a pretrial hearing that the defense



1 described in subsection (j) applies, the court shall dismiss the charges  
2 under this section with prejudice.

