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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, in minors, further providing for the  
3 offense of sexual abuse of children.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. The definition of "child sexual abuse material"  
7 in section 6312(g) of Title 18 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
8 Statutes, amended October 29, 2024 (P.L.1095, No.125), is  
9 amended to read:

10 § 6312. Sexual abuse of children.

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12 (g) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following  
13 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this  
14 subsection:

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16 "Child sexual abuse material." Any of the following:

17 (1) A book, magazine, pamphlet, slide, photograph, film,  
18 videotape, computer depiction or other material depicting a

1 child under 18 years of age engaging in a prohibited sexual  
2 act or in the simulation of a prohibited sexual act.

3 (2) As follows:

4 (i) the lewd exhibition of the genitals or pubic  
5 area of an unclothed, partially clothed or clothed child  
6 under 18 years of age in a patently offensive or sexually  
7 suggestive manner;

8 (ii) material which the average person applying  
9 contemporary community standards would find that the  
10 subject matter taken as a whole appeals to the prurient  
11 interest in sex; and

12 (iii) material which the subject matter, taken as a  
13 whole, lacks serious literary, artistic, political,  
14 educational or scientific value.

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16 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.