



## 2024 South Dakota Legislature

### Senate Bill 79

SENATE JUDICIARY ENGROSSED

Introduced by: **Senator Wheeler**

1 **An Act to revise provisions related to the possession, distribution, and manufacture**  
 2 **of child pornography.**

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 **Section 1. That § 22-24A-2 be AMENDED:**

5 **22-24A-2.** Terms used in §§ 22-19A-1, 22-24A-1 to 22-24A-20, inclusive, 22-  
 6 24B-1, 23A-27-14.1, and 43-43B-1 to 43-43B-3, inclusive, mean:

- 7 (1) "Adult," any person eighteen years of age or older;
- 8 (2) "Child pornography," any image or visual depiction of a minor engaged in  
 9 prohibited sexual acts;
- 10 (3) "Child" or "minor," any person under the age of eighteen years;
- 11 (3A) "Child-like sex doll," any obscene anatomical doll, obscene anatomical mannequin,  
 12 or obscene anatomical robot that is intentionally designed to resemble a  
 13 prepubescent child and either to entice sexual excitement or to engage in  
 14 prohibited sexual acts;
- 15 (4) "Computer," any electronic, magnetic, optical, electrochemical, or other high-  
 16 speed data processing device performing logical, arithmetic, or storage functions  
 17 and includes any data storage facility or communications facility directly related to  
 18 or operating in conjunction with such device, including wireless communication  
 19 devices such as cellular phones. The term also includes any on-line service, internet  
 20 service, or internet bulletin board;
- 21 (5) ~~Deleted by SL 2005, ch 120, § 408~~ "Computer-generated child pornography,"  
 22 any visual depiction of:  
 23 (a) An actual minor that has been created, adapted, or modified to depict that  
 24 minor engaged in a prohibited sexual act;  
 25 (b) An actual adult that has been created, adapted, or modified to depict that  
 26 adult as a minor engaged in a prohibited sexual act; or

1           (c) An individual indistinguishable from an actual minor created by the use of  
2           artificial intelligence or other computer technology capable of processing  
3           and interpreting specific data inputs to create a visual depiction;

4       (6) "Digital media," any electronic storage device, including a floppy disk or other  
5       magnetic storage device or any compact disc that has memory and the capacity to  
6       store audio, video, or written materials;

7       (7) "Harmful to minors," any reproduction, imitation, characterization, description,  
8       visual depiction, exhibition, presentation, or representation, of whatever kind or  
9       form, depicting nudity, sexual conduct, or sexual excitement if it:

10       (a) Predominantly appeals to the prurient, shameful, or morbid interest of  
11       minors;

12       (b) Is patently offensive to prevailing standards in the adult community as a  
13       whole with respect to what is suitable material for minors; and

14       (c) Taken as a whole, is without serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific  
15       value for minors.

16       This term does not include a mother's breast-feeding of her baby;

17       (8) "Indistinguishable," when used with respect to a visual depiction, means virtually  
18       indistinguishable, in that the visual depiction is such that an ordinary person  
19       viewing the visual depiction would conclude that the visual depiction is of an actual  
20       minor engaged in a prohibited sexual act;

21       (9) "Masochism," sexual gratification achieved by a person through, or the association  
22       of sexual activity with, submission or subjection to physical pain, suffering,  
23       humiliation, torture, or death;

24       ~~(9)~~(10) "Nudity," the showing or the simulated showing of the human male or female  
25       genitals, pubic area, or buttocks with less than a fully opaque covering; or the  
26       showing of the female breast with less than a fully opaque covering of any portion  
27       thereof below the top of the nipple; or the depiction of covered male genitals in a  
28       discernibly turgid state for the purpose of creating sexual excitement. This term  
29       does not include a mother's breast-feeding of her baby irrespective of whether or  
30       not the nipple is covered during or incidental to feeding;

31       ~~(10)~~(11) "Obscene," the status of material which:

32       (a) The average person, applying contemporary community standards, would  
33       find, taken as a whole, appeals to the prurient interest;

34       (b) Depicts or describes, in a patently offensive way, prohibited sexual acts;  
35       and

- 1 (c) Taken as a whole, lacks serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value.  
2 This term does not include a mother's breast-feeding of her baby;  
3 ~~(11)~~(12) "Person," includes individuals, children, firms, associations, joint ventures,  
4 partnerships, estates, trusts, business trusts, syndicates, fiduciaries, corporations,  
5 and all other groups or combinations;  
6 ~~(12)~~(13) "Sadism," sexual gratification achieved through, or the association of sexual  
7 activity with, the infliction of physical pain, suffering, humiliation, torture, or death;  
8 ~~(13)~~(14) "Sodomasochistic abuse," flagellation or torture by or upon a minor, or the  
9 condition of being fettered, bound, or otherwise physically restrained, for the  
10 purpose of deriving sexual satisfaction, or satisfaction brought about as a result of  
11 sadistic violence, from inflicting harm on another or receiving such harm oneself;  
12 ~~(14)~~(15) "Sexual battery," oral, anal, or vaginal penetration by, or union with, the sexual  
13 organ of another or the anal or vaginal penetration of another by any other object.  
14 This term does not include an act done for a bona fide medical purpose;  
15 ~~(15)~~(16) "Sexual bestiality," any sexual act, actual or simulated, between a person and  
16 an animal involving the sex organ of the one and the mouth, anus, or vagina of  
17 the other;  
18 ~~(16)~~(17) "Prohibited sexual act," actual or simulated sexual intercourse, sadism,  
19 masochism, sexual bestiality, incest, masturbation, or sodomasochistic abuse;  
20 actual or simulated exhibition of the genitals, the pubic or rectal area, or the bare  
21 feminine breasts, in a lewd or lascivious manner; actual physical contact with a  
22 person's clothed or unclothed genitals, pubic area, buttocks, or, if such person is a  
23 female, breast with the intent to arouse or gratify the sexual desire of either party;  
24 defecation or urination for the purpose of creating sexual excitement in the viewer;  
25 or any act or conduct which constitutes sexual battery or simulates that sexual  
26 battery is being or will be committed. The term includes encouraging, aiding,  
27 abetting or enticing any person to commit any such acts as provided in this  
28 subdivision. The term does not include a mother's breast-feeding of her baby;  
29 ~~(17)~~(18) "Sexual excitement," the condition of the human male or female genitals if in  
30 a state of sexual stimulation or arousal;  
31 ~~(18)~~(19) "Sexually oriented material," any book, article, magazine, publication, visual  
32 depiction or written matter of any kind or any drawing, etching, painting,  
33 photograph, motion picture film, or sound recording that depicts sexual activity,  
34 actual or simulated, involving human beings or human beings and animals, that  
35 exhibits uncovered human genitals or the pubic region in a lewd or lascivious

1 manner, or that exhibits human male genitals in a discernibly turgid state, even if  
2 completely and opaquely covered;  
3 ~~(19)~~(20) "Simulated," the explicit depiction of conduct described in subdivision (16) of  
4 this section that creates the appearance of such conduct and that exhibits any  
5 uncovered portion of the breasts, genitals, or anus;  
6 ~~(20)~~(21) "Visual depiction," any developed and undeveloped film, photograph, slide and  
7 videotape, and any photocopy, drawing, printed or written material, and any data  
8 stored on computer disk, digital media, or by electronic means that are capable of  
9 conversion into a visual image.

10 **Section 2. That a NEW SECTION be added to chapter 22-24A:**

11 A person is guilty of possessing child pornography if the person knowingly  
12 possesses:  
13 (1) Any visual depiction of a minor engaging in a prohibited sexual act, or in a  
14 simulation of a prohibited sexual act; or  
15 (2) Any computer-generated child pornography.  
16 A violation of this section is a Class 4 felony. A conviction under this section for a  
17 first offense must be punished by a mandatory sentence in a state correctional facility of  
18 at least one year. A conviction under this section for a second or subsequent offense must  
19 be punished by a mandatory sentence in a state correctional facility of at least five years.

20 **Section 3. That a NEW SECTION be added to chapter 22-24A:**

21 A person is guilty of distributing child pornography if the person knowingly sells or  
22 distributes:  
23 (1) Any visual depiction of a minor engaging in a prohibited sexual act, or in a  
24 simulation of a prohibited sexual act; or  
25 (2) Any computer-generated child pornography.  
26 A violation of this section is a Class 3 felony. A conviction under this section for a  
27 first offense must be punished by a mandatory sentence in a state correctional facility of  
28 at least five years. A conviction under this section for a second or subsequent offense  
29 must be punished by a mandatory sentence in a state correctional facility of at least ten  
30 years.  
31 A person convicted of a violation of this section may not be convicted of possessing  
32 child pornography pursuant to section 2 of this Act for the same visual depiction.

**Section 4. That a NEW SECTION be added to chapter 22-24A:**

A person is guilty of manufacturing child pornography if the person creates, causes the creation of, or knowingly permits the creation of:

(1) Any visual depiction of a minor engaged in a prohibited sexual act, or in a simulation of a prohibited sexual act; or

(2) Any computer-generated child pornography.

A violation of this section is a Class 2 felony. A conviction under this section for a first offense must be punished by a mandatory sentence in a state correctional facility of at least ten years. A conviction under this section for a second or subsequent offense must be punished by a mandatory sentence in a state correctional facility of at least twenty years.

A person convicted of a violation of this section may not be convicted of possessing child pornography pursuant to section 2 of this Act for the same visual depiction.

**Section 5. That a NEW SECTION be added to chapter 22-24A:**

Any conviction for, or plea of guilty to, an offense in another state that, if committed in this state, would be a violation of sections 2 to 4, inclusive, of this Act, must be used to determine if the violation being charged is a second or subsequent offense.

**Section 6. That a NEW SECTION be added to chapter 22-24A:**

The court shall order an assessment pursuant to § 22-22-1.3 of any person convicted of violating sections 2 to 4, inclusive, of this Act.

**Section 7. That a NEW SECTION be added to chapter 22-24A:**

Consent to performing the proscribed acts by a minor or a minor's parent, guardian, or custodian, or mistake as to the minor's age is not a defense to a charge of violating sections 2 to 4, inclusive, of this Act.

**Section 8. That a NEW SECTION be added to chapter 22-24A:**

It is an affirmative defense to a violation of sections 2 to 4, inclusive, of this Act that the visual depiction is of the person charged and no other person appears in the visual depiction.

**Section 9. That a NEW SECTION be added to chapter 22-24A:**

1        The sentencing court may impose a sentence other than that required by sections  
2        2 to 4, inclusive, of this Act if the court finds that mitigating circumstances exist that  
3        require a departure from the mandatory sentence imposed by sections 2 to 4, inclusive,  
4        of this Act. The court shall file, in writing, its finding of mitigating circumstances and the  
5        factual basis relied upon by the court.

6        **Section 10. That § 22-6-11 be AMENDED:**

7        **22-6-11.** The sentencing court shall sentence an offender convicted of a Class 5  
8        or Class 6 felony, except those convicted under §§ 22-11A-2.1, 22-14-15, 22-18-1, 22-  
9        18-1.05, 22-18-26, 22-18-29, 22-19A-1, 22-19A-2, 22-19A-3, 22-19A-7, 22-19A-16, 22-  
10       22A-2, 22-22A-4, ~~22-24A-3~~, 22-22-24.3, subdivision 22-23-2(2), 22-24-1.2, 22-24B-2,  
11       22-24B-12, 22-24B-12.1, 22-24B-23, 22-30A-46, 22-42-7, subdivision 24-2-14(1), 32-  
12       34-5, and any person ineligible for probation under § 23A-27-12, to a term of probation.  
13       If the offender is under the supervision of the Department of Corrections, the court ~~shall~~  
14       must order a fully suspended state incarceration sentence pursuant to § 23A-27-18.4. The  
15       sentencing court may impose a sentence other than probation or a fully suspended state  
16       incarceration sentence if the court finds aggravating circumstances exist that pose a  
17       significant risk to the public and require a departure from presumptive probation under  
18       this section. If a departure is made, the judge ~~shall~~ must ~~state on the record at the time~~  
19       ~~of sentencing the aggravating circumstances and the same shall be stated on the record~~  
20       at the time of sentencing and in the dispositional order. Neither this section nor its  
21       application may be the basis for establishing a constitutionally protected liberty, property,  
22       or due process interest.

23       **Section 11. That § 22-24-1.2 be AMENDED:**

24       **22-24-1.2.** A person commits the crime of indecent exposure if, with the intent to  
25       arouse or gratify the sexual desire of any person, the person exposes his or her genitals  
26       in a public place, or in the view of a public place, under circumstances in which that person  
27       knows that person's conduct is likely to annoy, offend, or alarm another person. A violation  
28       of this section is a Class 1 misdemeanor. However, if ~~such the~~ person has been previously  
29       convicted of a felony violation of § 22-22-1, 22-22-7, or ~~22-24A-3~~ sections 2 to 4,  
30       inclusive, of this Act, that person is guilty of a Class 6 felony. Any person convicted of a  
31       third or subsequent violation of this section is guilty of a Class 6 felony.

32       **Section 12. That § 22-24A-20 be AMENDED:**

**22-24A-20.** The provisions of §§ 22-22-24.3, 22-24A-1, 22-24A-1.1, ~~22-24A-3,~~  
22-24A-3.1, ~~and 22-24A-5,~~ and sections 2 to 4, inclusive, of this Act do not apply to the  
selling, lending, distributing, exhibiting, giving away, showing, possessing, or making of  
films, photographs, or other materials involving only nudity, if the materials are made for  
and have a serious literary, artistic, educational, or scientific value.

**Section 13. That § 22-24B-1 be AMENDED:**

**22-24B-1.** For the purposes of §§ 22-24B-2 to 22-24B-14, inclusive, a sex crime  
is any of the following crimes regardless of the date of the commission of the offense or  
the date of conviction:

- (1) Rape as set forth in § 22-22-1;
- (2) Felony sexual contact with a minor under sixteen as set forth in § 22-22-7 if  
committed by an adult;
- (3) Sexual contact with a person incapable of consenting as set forth in § 22-22-7.2;
- (4) Incest if committed by an adult;
- (5) Possessing, ~~manufacturing, or,~~ distributing, ~~or manufacturing~~ child pornography as  
set forth in ~~§ 22-24A-3~~ sections 2 to 4, inclusive, of this Act;
- (6) Sale of child pornography as set forth in § 22-24A-1;
- (7) Sexual exploitation of a minor as set forth in § 22-22-24.3;
- (8) Kidnapping, as set forth in § 22-19-1, if the victim of the criminal act is a minor;
- (9) Promotion of prostitution of a minor as set forth in subdivision 22-23-2(2);
- (10) Criminal pedophilia as previously set forth in § 22-22-30.1;
- (11) Felony indecent exposure as previously set forth in former § 22-24-1 or felony  
indecent exposure as set forth in § 22-24-1.2;
- (12) Solicitation of a minor as set forth in § 22-24A-5;
- (13) Felony indecent exposure as set forth in § 22-24-1.3;
- (14) Bestiality as set forth in § 22-22-42;
- (15) An attempt, conspiracy, or solicitation to commit any of the crimes listed in this  
section;
- (16) Any crime, court martial offense, or tribal offense committed in a place other than  
this state that constitutes a sex crime under this section if committed in this state;
- (17) Any federal crime, court martial offense, or tribal offense that constitutes a sex  
crime under federal law;
- (18) Any crime committed in another state if that state also requires anyone convicted  
of that crime register as a sex offender in that state;

(19) If the victim is a minor:

(a) Any sexual acts between a jail employee and a detainee as set forth in § 22-22-7.6;

(b) Any sexual contact by a psychotherapist as set forth in § 22-22-28; or

(c) Any sexual penetration by a psychotherapist as set forth in § 22-22-29;

(20) Intentional exposure to HIV infection as set forth in subdivision (1) of § 22-18-31;

(21) First degree human trafficking as set forth in § 22-49-2 if the victim is a minor;

(22) Second degree human trafficking as set forth in § 22-49-3 involving the prostitution of a minor;

(23) Felony use or dissemination of visual recording or photographic device without consent and with intent to self-gratify, harass, or embarrass as set forth in § 22-21-4;

(24) Manufacturing or distributing a child-like sex doll as set forth in § 22-24A-1.1; or

(25) Felony conviction of purchasing or possessing a child-like sex doll as set forth in § 22-24A-3.1.

**Section 14. That § 26-10-33 be AMENDED:**

**26-10-33.** No minor, as defined in subdivision 26-7A-1(21), may intentionally create, produce, distribute, present, transmit, post, exchange, disseminate, or possess, through any computer or digital media, any photograph or digitized image or any visual depiction of a minor in any condition of nudity, as defined in ~~subdivision 22-24A-2(9)~~ subdivision 22-24A-2(10), or involved in any prohibited sexual act, as defined in ~~subdivision 22-24A-2(16)~~ subdivision 22-24A-2(17). Any violation of this section constitutes the offense of juvenile sexting, which is a Class 1 misdemeanor.

**Section 15. That § 22-24A-3 be REPEALED:**

~~A person is guilty of possessing, manufacturing, or distributing child pornography if the person:~~

~~(1) Creates any visual depiction of a minor engaging in a prohibited sexual act, or in the simulation of such an act;~~

~~(2) Causes or knowingly permits the creation of any visual depiction of a minor engaged in a prohibited sexual act, or in the simulation of such an act; or~~

~~(3) Knowingly possesses, distributes, or otherwise disseminates any visual depiction of a minor engaging in a prohibited sexual act, or in the simulation of such an act.~~



1           ~~Consent to performing these proscribed acts by a minor or a minor's parent,~~  
2           ~~guardian, or custodian, or mistake as to the minor's age is not a defense to a charge of~~  
3           ~~violating this section.~~

4           ~~A violation of this section is a Class 4 felony. If a person is convicted of a second~~  
5           ~~or subsequent violation of this section within fifteen years of the prior conviction, the~~  
6           ~~violation is a Class 3 felony.~~

7           ~~The court shall order an assessment pursuant to § 22-22-1.3 of any person~~  
8           ~~convicted of violating this section.~~