
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 521 Session of
2021

INTRODUCED BY MENSCH, SANTARSIERO, ARGALL, PITTMAN, HUGHES,
BREWSTER, COLLETT, COMITTA, FONTANA, KANE, SCHWANK AND
TARTAGLIONE, APRIL 9, 2021

REFERRED TO JUDICIARY, APRIL 9, 2021

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in other offenses, further providing
3 for the offense of invasion of privacy.

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

6 Section 1. Section 7507.1(a)(3), (b) and (e) of Title 18 of
7 the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended to read:

8 § 7507.1. Invasion of privacy.

9 (a) Offense defined.--Except as set forth in subsection (d),
10 a person commits the offense of invasion of privacy if he, for
11 the purpose of arousing or gratifying the sexual desire of any
12 person, knowingly does any of the following:

13 * * *

14 (3) Transfers or transmits an image or video obtained in
15 violation of paragraph (1) or (2) by live or recorded
16 telephone message, electronic mail or the Internet or by any
17 other transfer of the medium on which the image is stored.

18 * * *

1 (b) Grading.--[Invasion] A violation of this section shall
2 be graded as follows:

3 (1) Except as provided under paragraph (2), invasion of
4 privacy is a misdemeanor of the second degree if there is
5 more than one violation. Otherwise, a violation of this
6 section is a misdemeanor of the third degree. The grading
7 under this paragraph shall also apply if both the victim and
8 the offender are minors.

9 (2) If the offender is a teacher and the victim is a
10 student or the offender is an adult and the victim is a
11 minor, a violation of this section is:

12 (i) A felony of the third degree for a first
13 violation.

14 (ii) A felony of the second degree for a second or
15 subsequent violation.

16 * * *

17 (e) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following
18 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this
19 subsection:

20 "Full or partial nudity." Display of all or any part of the
21 human genitals or pubic area or buttocks, or any part of the
22 nipple of the breast of any female person, with less than a
23 fully opaque covering.

24 "Intimate part." Any part of:

25 (1) the human genitals, pubic area or buttocks; and

26 (2) the nipple of a female breast.

27 "Photographs" or "films." Making any photograph, motion
28 picture film, videotape or any other recording or transmission
29 of the image of a person.

30 "Place where a person would have a reasonable expectation of

1 privacy." A location where a reasonable person would believe
2 that he could disrobe in privacy without being concerned that
3 his undressing was being viewed, photographed or filmed by
4 another.

5 "Student." An individual enrolled and receiving instruction
6 at a public or private school within this Commonwealth in
7 prekindergarten through grade twelve.

8 "Teacher." A professional employee, temporary professional
9 employee, substitute or instructor in a public or private school
10 within this Commonwealth who provides instruction to students in
11 prekindergarten through grade twelve.

12 "Views." Looking upon another person with the unaided eye or
13 with any device designed or intended to improve visual acuity.

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