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1 AN ACT Relating to juvenile offenses that involve depictions of
2 minors; amending RCW 9.68A.050, 9.68A.060, 9.68A.070, 9.68A.075, and
3 13.40.070; adding a new section to chapter 13.40 RCW; adding new
4 sections to chapter 9.68A RCW; adding a new section to chapter 9A.86
5 RCW; creating a new section; and prescribing penalties.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** This act may be known and cited as the
8 responsible teen communications act.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 13.40
10 RCW to read as follows:

11 (1) The legislature finds that exchange of intimate images by
12 minors is increasingly common, and that such actions may lead to harm
13 and long-term consequences. The legislature intends to develop age-
14 appropriate prevention and interventions to prevent harm and to hold
15 accountable youth who harm others through exchange of intimate
16 images.

17 (2) The Washington coalition of sexual assault programs, in
18 consultation with the office of the superintendent of public
19 instruction, the Washington association for the treatment of sexual
20 abusers, the department of children, youth, and families, the

1 department of social and health services, the juvenile court
2 administrators, the Washington association of prosecuting attorneys,
3 representatives from public defense, youth representatives, and other
4 relevant stakeholders, shall convene a work group to make
5 recommendations to the legislature regarding age-appropriate
6 prevention and intervention strategies to address potential harms
7 caused by exchange of intimate images by minors.

8 (3) By December 1, 2019, the work group shall make a report to
9 the legislature identifying education, prevention, and other
10 responses to the harms that may be associated with exchange of
11 intimate images by minors.

12 **Sec. 3.** RCW 9.68A.050 and 2017 c 126 s 3 are each amended to
13 read as follows:

14 (1)(a) A person eighteen years of age or older commits the crime
15 of dealing in depictions of a minor engaged in sexually explicit
16 conduct in the first degree when he or she:

17 (i) Knowingly develops, duplicates, publishes, prints,
18 disseminates, exchanges, finances, attempts to finance, or sells a
19 visual or printed matter that depicts a minor engaged in an act of
20 sexually explicit conduct as defined in RCW 9.68A.011(4) (a) through
21 (e); or

22 (ii) Possesses with intent to develop, duplicate, publish, print,
23 disseminate, exchange, or sell any visual or printed matter that
24 depicts a minor engaged in an act of sexually explicit conduct as
25 defined in RCW 9.68A.011(4) (a) through (e).

26 (b) Dealing in depictions of a minor engaged in sexually explicit
27 conduct in the first degree is a class B felony punishable under
28 chapter 9A.20 RCW.

29 (c) For the purposes of determining the unit of prosecution under
30 this subsection, each depiction or image of visual or printed matter
31 constitutes a separate offense.

32 (2)(a) A person eighteen years of age or older commits the crime
33 of dealing in depictions of a minor engaged in sexually explicit
34 conduct in the second degree when he or she:

35 (i) Knowingly develops, duplicates, publishes, prints,
36 disseminates, exchanges, finances, attempts to finance, or sells any
37 visual or printed matter that depicts a minor engaged in an act of
38 sexually explicit conduct as defined in RCW 9.68A.011(4) (f) or (g);
39 or

1 (ii) Possesses with intent to develop, duplicate, publish, print,
2 disseminate, exchange, or sell any visual or printed matter that
3 depicts a minor engaged in an act of sexually explicit conduct as
4 defined in RCW 9.68A.011(4) (f) or (g).

5 (b) Dealing in depictions of a minor engaged in sexually explicit
6 conduct in the second degree is a class B felony punishable under
7 chapter 9A.20 RCW.

8 (c) For the purposes of determining the unit of prosecution under
9 this subsection, each incident of dealing in one or more depictions
10 or images of visual or printed matter constitutes a separate offense.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 9.68A
12 RCW to read as follows:

13 (1)(a)(i) A person under the age of eighteen commits the crime of
14 a minor dealing in depictions of another minor thirteen years of age
15 or older engaged in sexually explicit conduct in the first degree
16 when he or she knowingly distributes, publishes, transfers,
17 disseminates, or exchanges a visual or printed matter that depicts
18 another minor thirteen years of age or older engaged in an act of
19 sexually explicit conduct as defined in RCW 9.68A.011(4) (a) through
20 (e).

21 (ii) Minor dealing in depictions of another minor thirteen years
22 of age or older engaged in sexually explicit conduct in the first
23 degree is a gross misdemeanor.

24 (b)(i) A person under the age of eighteen commits the crime of a
25 minor dealing in depictions of another minor thirteen years of age or
26 older engaged in sexually explicit conduct in the second degree when
27 he or she knowingly distributes, publishes, transfers, disseminates,
28 or exchanges a visual or printed matter that depicts another minor
29 thirteen years of age or older engaged in an act of sexually explicit
30 conduct as defined in RCW 9.68A.011(4) (f) or (g).

31 (ii) Minor dealing in depictions of another minor thirteen years
32 of age or older engaged in sexually explicit conduct in the second
33 degree is a misdemeanor.

34 (2)(a) A person under age eighteen commits the crime of minor
35 dealing in depictions of another minor twelve years of age or younger
36 engaged in sexually explicit conduct in the first degree when he or
37 she:

38 (i) Knowingly develops, duplicates, publishes, prints,
39 disseminates, exchanges, finances, attempts to finance, or sells a

1 visual or printed matter that depicts another minor twelve years of
2 age or younger engaged in an act of sexually explicit conduct as
3 defined in RCW 9.68A.011(4) (a) through (e); or

4 (ii) Possesses with intent to develop, duplicate, publish, print,
5 disseminate, exchange, or sell any visual or printed matter that
6 depicts another minor twelve years of age or younger engaged in an
7 act of sexually explicit conduct as defined in RCW 9.68A.011(4) (a)
8 through (e).

9 (b) Minor dealing in depictions of another minor twelve years of
10 age or younger engaged in sexually explicit conduct in the first
11 degree is a class B felony punishable under chapter 9A.20 RCW.

12 (3)(a) A person under age eighteen commits the crime of minor
13 dealing in depictions of another minor twelve years of age or younger
14 engaged in sexually explicit conduct in the second degree when he or
15 she:

16 (i) Knowingly develops, duplicates, publishes, prints,
17 disseminates, exchanges, finances, attempts to finance, or sells any
18 visual or printed matter that depicts another minor twelve years of
19 age or younger engaged in an act of sexually explicit conduct as
20 defined in RCW 9.68A.011(4) (f) or (g); or

21 (ii) Possesses with intent to develop, duplicate, publish, print,
22 disseminate, exchange, or sell any visual or printed matter that
23 depicts another minor twelve years of age or younger engaged in an
24 act of sexually explicit conduct as defined in RCW 9.68A.011(4) (f)
25 or (g).

26 (b) Minor dealing in depictions of a minor twelve years of age or
27 younger engaged in sexually explicit conduct in the second degree is
28 a class B felony punishable under chapter 9A.20 RCW.

29 (4)(a) Any person under the age of eighteen commits the crime of
30 minor financing or selling depictions of another minor engaged in
31 sexually explicit conduct when he or she finances, attempts to
32 finance, or sells a visual or printed matter that depicts a minor
33 engaged in an act of sexually explicit conduct as defined in RCW
34 9.68A.011(4) (a) through (g).

35 (b) Minor financing or selling depictions of another minor
36 engaged in sexually explicit conduct is a class B felony punishable
37 under chapter 9A.20 RCW.

38 (5) This section does not apply to a person under eighteen years
39 of age who finances, attempts to finance, sells, develops,
40 duplicates, publishes, prints, disseminates, exchanges, or possesses

1 a visual or printed matter that depicts himself or herself engaged in
2 an act of sexually explicit conduct as defined in RCW 9.68A.011(4).

3 (6) For the purposes of determining the unit of prosecution under
4 this section, each depiction or image of visual or printed matter
5 constitutes a separate offense.

6 **Sec. 5.** RCW 9.68A.060 and 2017 c 126 s 4 are each amended to
7 read as follows:

8 (1)(a) Except as provided in subsections (3) and (4) of this
9 section, a person commits the crime of sending or bringing into the
10 state depictions of a minor engaged in sexually explicit conduct in
11 the first degree when he or she knowingly sends or causes to be sent,
12 or brings or causes to be brought, into this state for sale or
13 distribution, a visual or printed matter that depicts a minor engaged
14 in sexually explicit conduct as defined in RCW 9.68A.011(4) (a)
15 through (e).

16 (b) Sending or bringing into the state depictions of a minor
17 engaged in sexually explicit conduct in the first degree is a class B
18 felony punishable under chapter 9A.20 RCW.

19 (c) For the purposes of determining the unit of prosecution under
20 this subsection, each depiction or image of visual or printed matter
21 constitutes a separate offense.

22 (2)(a) Except as provided in subsections (3) and (4) of this
23 section, a person commits the crime of sending or bringing into the
24 state depictions of a minor engaged in sexually explicit conduct in
25 the second degree when he or she knowingly sends or causes to be
26 sent, or brings or causes to be brought, into this state for sale or
27 distribution, any visual or printed matter that depicts a minor
28 engaged in sexually explicit conduct as defined in RCW 9.68A.011(4)
29 (f) or (g).

30 (b) Sending or bringing into the state depictions of a minor
31 engaged in sexually explicit conduct in the second degree is a class
32 B felony punishable under chapter 9A.20 RCW.

33 (c) For the purposes of determining the unit of prosecution under
34 this subsection, each incident of sending or bringing into the state
35 one or more depictions or images of visual or printed matter
36 constitutes a separate offense.

37 (3) This section does not apply to a minor who knowingly sends or
38 causes to be sent, or brings or causes to be brought, into this state

1 for distribution, visual or printed matter depicting any minor
2 thirteen years of age or older engaged in sexually explicit conduct.

3 (4) This section does not apply to a person under thirteen years
4 of age who knowingly sends or causes to be sent, or brings or causes
5 to be brought, into this state for distribution, visual or printed
6 matter depicting himself or herself engaged in sexually explicit
7 conduct.

8 **Sec. 6.** RCW 9.68A.070 and 2017 c 126 s 2 are each amended to
9 read as follows:

10 (1)(a) Except as provided in subsections (3) and (4) of this
11 section, a person commits the crime of possession of depictions of a
12 minor engaged in sexually explicit conduct in the first degree when
13 he or she knowingly possesses a visual or printed matter depicting a
14 minor engaged in sexually explicit conduct as defined in RCW
15 9.68A.011(4) (a) through (e).

16 (b) Possession of depictions of a minor engaged in sexually
17 explicit conduct in the first degree is a class B felony punishable
18 under chapter 9A.20 RCW.

19 (c) For the purposes of determining the unit of prosecution under
20 this subsection, each depiction or image of visual or printed matter
21 constitutes a separate offense.

22 (2)(a) Except as provided in subsections (3) and (4) of this
23 section, a person commits the crime of possession of depictions of a
24 minor engaged in sexually explicit conduct in the second degree when
25 he or she knowingly possesses any visual or printed matter depicting
26 a minor engaged in sexually explicit conduct as defined in RCW
27 9.68A.011(4) (f) or (g).

28 (b) Possession of depictions of a minor engaged in sexually
29 explicit conduct in the second degree is a class B felony punishable
30 under chapter 9A.20 RCW.

31 (c) For the purposes of determining the unit of prosecution under
32 this subsection, each incident of possession of one or more
33 depictions or images of visual or printed matter constitutes a
34 separate offense.

35 (3) This section does not apply to a minor's possession of visual
36 or printed matter depicting any minor thirteen years of age or older
37 engaged in sexually explicit conduct.

1 (4) This section does not apply to a person under thirteen years
2 of age in possession of visual or printed matter depicting himself or
3 herself engaged in sexually explicit conduct.

4 **Sec. 7.** RCW 9.68A.075 and 2010 c 227 s 7 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) Except as provided in subsections (5) and (6) of this
7 section, a person who intentionally views over the internet visual or
8 printed matter depicting a minor engaged in sexually explicit conduct
9 as defined in RCW 9.68A.011(4) (a) through (e) is guilty of viewing
10 depictions of a minor engaged in sexually explicit conduct in the
11 first degree, a class B felony punishable under chapter 9A.20 RCW.

12 (2) Except as provided in subsections (5) and (6) of this
13 section, a person who intentionally views over the internet visual or
14 printed matter depicting a minor engaged in sexually explicit conduct
15 as defined in RCW 9.68A.011(4) (f) or (g) is guilty of viewing
16 depictions of a minor engaged in sexually explicit conduct in the
17 second degree, a class C felony punishable under chapter 9A.20 RCW.

18 (3) For the purposes of determining whether a person
19 intentionally viewed over the internet a visual or printed matter
20 depicting a minor engaged in sexually explicit conduct in subsection
21 (1) or (2) of this section, the trier of fact shall consider the
22 title, text, and content of the visual or printed matter, as well as
23 the internet history, search terms, thumbnail images, downloading
24 activity, expert computer forensic testimony, number of visual or
25 printed matter depicting minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct,
26 defendant's access to and control over the electronic device and its
27 contents upon which the visual or printed matter was found, or any
28 other relevant evidence. The state must prove beyond a reasonable
29 doubt that the viewing was initiated by the user of the computer
30 where the viewing occurred.

31 (4) For the purposes of this section, each separate internet
32 session of intentionally viewing over the internet visual or printed
33 matter depicting a minor engaged in sexually explicit conduct
34 constitutes a separate offense.

35 (5) This section does not apply to a minor who intentionally
36 views over the internet visual or printed matter depicting a minor
37 thirteen years of age or older engaged in sexually explicit conduct.

38 (6) This section does not apply to a person under thirteen years
39 of age who intentionally views over the internet visual or printed

1 matter depicting himself or herself engaged in sexually explicit
2 conduct.

3 **Sec. 8.** RCW 13.40.070 and 2018 c 82 s 1 are each amended to read
4 as follows:

5 (1) Complaints referred to the juvenile court alleging the
6 commission of an offense shall be referred directly to the
7 prosecutor. The prosecutor, upon receipt of a complaint, shall screen
8 the complaint to determine whether:

9 (a) The alleged facts bring the case within the jurisdiction of
10 the court; and

11 (b) On a basis of available evidence there is probable cause to
12 believe that the juvenile did commit the offense.

13 (2) If the identical alleged acts constitute an offense under
14 both the law of this state and an ordinance of any city or county of
15 this state, state law shall govern the prosecutor's screening and
16 charging decision for both filed and diverted cases.

17 (3) If the requirements of subsection (1)(a) and (b) of this
18 section are met, the prosecutor shall either file an information in
19 juvenile court or divert the case, as set forth in subsections (5),
20 (6), and (8) of this section. If the prosecutor finds that the
21 requirements of subsection (1)(a) and (b) of this section are not
22 met, the prosecutor shall maintain a record, for one year, of such
23 decision and the reasons therefor. In lieu of filing an information
24 or diverting an offense a prosecutor may file a motion to modify
25 community supervision where such offense constitutes a violation of
26 community supervision.

27 (4) An information shall be a plain, concise, and definite
28 written statement of the essential facts constituting the offense
29 charged. It shall be signed by the prosecuting attorney and conform
30 to chapter 10.37 RCW.

31 (5) The prosecutor shall file an information with the juvenile
32 court if (a) an alleged offender is accused of an offense that is
33 defined as a sex offense or violent offense under RCW 9.94A.030,
34 other than assault in the second degree or robbery in the second
35 degree; or (b) an alleged offender has been referred by a diversion
36 unit for prosecution or desires prosecution instead of diversion.

37 (6) Where a case is legally sufficient the prosecutor shall
38 divert the case if the alleged offense is a misdemeanor or gross
39 misdemeanor or violation and the alleged offense is the offender's

1 first offense or violation. If the alleged offender is charged with a
2 related offense that may be filed under subsections (5) and (8) of
3 this section, a case under this subsection may also be filed.

4 (7) Where a case is legally sufficient to charge an alleged
5 offender with:

6 (a) Either prostitution or prostitution loitering and the alleged
7 offense is the offender's first prostitution or prostitution
8 loitering offense, the prosecutor shall divert the case; (~~or~~)

9 (b) Voyeurism in the second degree, the offender is under
10 seventeen years of age, and the alleged offense is the offender's
11 first voyeurism in the second degree offense, the prosecutor shall
12 divert the case, unless the offender has received two diversions for
13 any offense in the previous two years; or

14 (c) A distribution, transfer, dissemination, or exchange of
15 sexually explicit images of other minors thirteen years of age or
16 older is a violation as provided in section 4(1) of this act and the
17 alleged offense is the offender's first violation of section 4(1) of
18 this act, the prosecutor shall divert the case.

19 (8) Where a case is legally sufficient and falls into neither
20 subsection (5) nor (6) of this section, it may be filed or diverted.
21 In deciding whether to file or divert an offense under this section
22 the prosecutor may be guided by the length, seriousness, and recency
23 of the alleged offender's criminal history and the circumstances
24 surrounding the commission of the alleged offense.

25 (9) Whenever a juvenile is placed in custody or, where not placed
26 in custody, referred to a diversion interview, the parent or legal
27 guardian of the juvenile shall be notified as soon as possible
28 concerning the allegation made against the juvenile and the current
29 status of the juvenile. Where a case involves victims of crimes
30 against persons or victims whose property has not been recovered at
31 the time a juvenile is referred to a diversion unit, the victim shall
32 be notified of the referral and informed how to contact the unit.

33 (10) The responsibilities of the prosecutor under subsections (1)
34 through (9) of this section may be performed by a juvenile court
35 probation counselor for any complaint referred to the court alleging
36 the commission of an offense which would not be a felony if committed
37 by an adult, if the prosecutor has given sufficient written notice to
38 the juvenile court that the prosecutor will not review such
39 complaints.

1 (11) The prosecutor, juvenile court probation counselor, or
2 diversion unit may, in exercising their authority under this section
3 or RCW 13.40.080, refer juveniles to community-based programs,
4 restorative justice programs, mediation, or victim offender
5 reconciliation programs. Such mediation or victim offender
6 reconciliation programs shall be voluntary for victims.

7 (12) Prosecutors and juvenile courts are encouraged to engage
8 with and partner with community-based programs to expand, improve,
9 and increase options to divert youth from formal processing in
10 juvenile court. Nothing in this chapter should be read to limit
11 partnership with community-based programs to create diversion
12 opportunities for juveniles.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 9.** A new section is added to chapter 9.68A
14 RCW to read as follows:

15 A minor who possesses any depiction or depictions of any other
16 minor engaged in an act of sexually explicit conduct as defined in
17 RCW 9.68A.011 forfeits any right to continued possession of the
18 depiction or depictions and any court exercising jurisdiction over
19 such depiction or depictions shall order forfeiture of the depiction
20 or depictions to the custody of law enforcement.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 10.** A new section is added to chapter 9A.86
22 RCW to read as follows:

23 A minor who possesses any image of any other minor which
24 constitutes an intimate image as defined in RCW 9A.86.010 forfeits
25 any right to continued possession of the image and any court
26 exercising jurisdiction over such image shall order forfeiture of the
27 image.

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