

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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SENATOR PENNYCUICK, COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY, AS AMENDED, MAY 6, 2026

A RESOLUTION

1 Directing the Joint State Government Commission to establish the
2 Task Force on Child Protection in the Digital Age.

3 WHEREAS, Technology is evolving at a pace that is leaving
4 gaps in existing statutory framework to protect children online;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Advances in artificial intelligence, social media
7 platforms, algorithm-driven content and digital manipulation
8 have created new and increasingly sophisticated risks to minors,
9 including exploitation, exposure to harmful content and
10 psychological harm; and

11 WHEREAS, The General Assembly has taken meaningful steps in
12 recent legislative sessions to address issues such as deepfakes,
13 child sexual abuse material and online safety; and

14 WHEREAS, There is a need to continually reevaluate our laws
15 to ensure that they are updated to protect children; and

16 WHEREAS, Establishing a reoccurring Task Force on Child
17 Protection in the Digital Age ensures that Pennsylvania's laws

1 keep pace with the digital age and that our statutes and
2 policies are continually reevaluated, updated and strengthened
3 to protect children; therefore be it

4 RESOLVED, That the Senate direct the Joint State Government
5 Commission to establish the Task Force on Child Protection in
6 the Digital Age; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That the Task Force on Child Protection in the
8 Digital Age consist of:

9 (1) the Attorney General of Pennsylvania or a designee,
10 who shall serve as chairperson;

11 (2) the Commissioner of Pennsylvania State Police or a
12 designee who must be an employee of the Pennsylvania State
13 Police;

14 (3) the ~~Chairperson~~ EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR of the
15 Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency or a
16 designee who must be an employee of the Pennsylvania
17 Commission on Crime and Delinquency;

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18 (4) the Victim Advocate from the Office of Victim
19 Advocate or a designee who must be an employee of the Office
20 of Victim Advocate;

21 (5) a member of law enforcement who has experience in
22 investigations of child sexual abuse material or sexual abuse
23 of children, appointed by the Attorney General;

24 (6) a district attorney in this Commonwealth who has
25 experience in prosecutions related to child sexual abuse
26 material or sexual abuse of children, appointed by the
27 Attorney General;

28 (7) a member of the Pennsylvania Internet Crimes Against
29 Children Task Force, appointed by the Attorney General;

30 (8) the director of a rape crisis center in this

1 Commonwealth or a designee, appointed by the Attorney
2 General;

3 (9) one representative of a children's advocacy center
4 that assists in the investigation, prosecution and treatment
5 of child sexual abuse and physical abuse cases, appointed by
6 the Attorney General;

7 (10) a medical professional that specializes in the
8 field of child sexual abuse, appointed by the Attorney
9 General;

10 (11) three members appointed by the Attorney General who
11 have experience in investigations or prosecutions of child
12 abuse or sexual abuse of children, have experience in the
13 treatment of victims of child abuse or sexual abuse of
14 children, have experience in the prevention of child abuse or
15 sexual abuse of children or are victims of child abuse or
16 sexual abuse of ~~children;~~ CHILDREN; <--

17 (12) ONE MEMBER WITH EXPERIENCE IN THE INVESTIGATION OR
18 PROSECUTION OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING OF MINORS OR WHO OTHERWISE
19 HAS EXPERIENCE IN THE PREVENTION OR DETECTION OF HUMAN
20 TRAFFICKING OF MINORS, AS APPOINTED BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL;

21 (13) ONE MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA SEXUAL OFFENDERS
22 ASSESSMENT BOARD, AS APPOINTED BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL;

23 (14) ONE MEMBER WITH DEMONSTRATED EXPERTISE IN DIGITAL
24 TECHNOLOGY AND ONLINE SAFETY, PARTICULARLY AS IT RELATES TO
25 THE EXPLOITATION OF MINORS, AS APPOINTED BY THE ATTORNEY
26 GENERAL;

27 (15) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
28 COMMISSION ON SENTENCING OR A DESIGNEE WHO MUST BE AN
29 EMPLOYEE OF THE PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION ON SENTENCING; AND

30 ~~(12)~~ (16) additional members necessary to carry out the <--

1 duties of the Task Force as deemed necessary and appointed by
2 the Attorney General;

3 and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That individuals appointed by the Attorney General
5 shall serve until submission of the next comprehensive report
6 following appointment, unless reappointed by the Attorney
7 General; and BE IT FURTHER

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8 RESOLVED, That the Task Force on Child Protection in the
9 Digital Age conduct comprehensive reviews to ascertain
10 inadequacies in State statutes relating to advancements in
11 technology, including, but not limited to, artificial
12 intelligence that affects efforts relating to child protection,
13 including, but not limited to, the offense of child sexual abuse
14 material in 18 Pa.C.S. § 6312 (relating to sexual abuse of
15 children); and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That the Task Force on Child Protection in the
17 Digital Age recommend changes in State statutes and practices,
18 policies and procedures related to:

19 (1) Child protection measures, as provided or required
20 by applicable Federal or State law, as technology advances,
21 including, but not limited to, artificial intelligence.

22 (2) The investigation and prosecution of child sexual
23 abuse material as defined in 18 Pa.C.S. § 6312.

24 (3) The recognition, prevention or prosecution of child
25 sexual abuse material as defined in 18 Pa.C.S. § 6312.

26 (4) Efforts to protect and assist victims of child
27 sexual abuse material or sexual abuse of children as defined
28 in 18 Pa.C.S. § 6312;

29 and be it further

30 RESOLVED, That the Joint State Government Commission:

1 (1) accept and review written comments from individuals
2 and organizations;

3 (2) submit an initial comprehensive report with findings
4 and recommendations no later than November 30, 2027, and
5 submit a comprehensive report by November 30 of each odd-
6 numbered year thereafter following the release of the initial
7 report; and

8 (3) reconstitute the Task Force on Child Protection in
9 the Digital Age, in coordination with the Attorney General,
10 for each comprehensive report;

11 and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the report be published on the Joint State
13 Government Commission's publicly accessible Internet website and
14 that copies of the report be transmitted to:

15 (1) the Governor;

16 (2) the President pro tempore of the Senate; and

17 (3) the Speaker of the House of Representatives.