
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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BARTOLOTTA, ROBINSON, STEFANO, J. WARD, VOGEL, SCHWANK AND
PICOZZI, MARCH 12, 2026

REFERRED TO COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY, MARCH 12, 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 of the Pennsylvania Commission on
15 Crime and Delinquency or a designee who must be an employee
16 of the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency;

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

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

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

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

29 (8) the director of a rape crisis center in this
30 Commonwealth or a designee, appointed by the Attorney

1 General;

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

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

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

16 (12) additional members necessary to carry out the
17 duties of the Task Force as deemed necessary and appointed by
18 the Attorney General;

19 and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That individuals appointed by the Attorney General
21 shall serve until submission of the next comprehensive report
22 following appointment, unless reappointed by the Attorney
23 General; and

24 RESOLVED, That the Task Force on Child Protection in the
25 Digital Age conduct comprehensive reviews to ascertain
26 inadequacies in State statutes relating to advancements in
27 technology, including, but not limited to, artificial
28 intelligence that affects efforts relating to child protection,
29 including, but not limited to, the offense of child sexual abuse
30 material in 18 Pa.C.S. § 6312 (relating to sexual abuse of

1 children); and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That the Task Force on Child Protection in the
3 Digital Age recommend changes in State statutes and practices,
4 policies and procedures related to:

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

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

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

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

15 and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That the Joint State Government Commission:

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

19 (2) submit an initial comprehensive report with findings
20 and recommendations no later than November 30, 2027, and
21 submit a comprehensive report by November 30 of each odd-
22 numbered year thereafter following the release of the initial
23 report; and

24 (3) reconstitute the Task Force on Child Protection in
25 the Digital Age, in coordination with the Attorney General,
26 for each comprehensive report;

27 and be it further

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

- 1 (1) the Governor;
- 2 (2) the President pro tempore of the Senate; and
- 3 (3) the Speaker of the House of Representatives.