Introduced by Representative Grad of Moretown

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Public safety; use of facial recognition technology by law enforcement

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to permit law enforcement to utilize facial recognition technology in the investigation of certain crimes provided the search is solely confined to locating images of an individual within electronic media legally seized by law enforcement in relation to the specific investigation.

An act relating to use of facial recognition technology by law enforcement in cases involving sexual exploitation of children, sexual assault, homicide, or kidnapping

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. 1. USE OF FACIAL RECOGNITION TECHNOLOGY BY LAW ENFORCEMENT IN CASES INVOLVING SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN, SEXUAL ASSAULT, HOMICIDE, OR KIDNAPPING

Notwithstanding 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 166, Sec. 14, the General Assembly authorizes the use of facial recognition technology by law
enforcement during a criminal investigation into sexual exploitation of children

under 13 V.S.A. chapter 64, sexual assault under 13 V.S.A. chapter 72,

homicide under 13 V.S.A. chapter 53, or kidnapping under 13 V.S.A.

chapter 55, where law enforcement is in possession of an image of an

individual they believe to be a victim, potential victim, or suspect in the

investigation, and the search is solely confined to locating images, including

videos, of that individual within electronic media legally seized by law

enforcement in relation to the specific investigation.

Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on July 1, 2021.