Introduced by Senators Sears, Baruth and Hooker

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Crimes; sexual exploitation of children

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to include simulated conduct within the definition of sexual conduct for purposes of the crimes involving sexual exploitation of children.

An act relating to sexual exploitation of children

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

Sec. 1. 13 V.S.A. § 2821 is amended to read:

§ 2821. DEFINITIONS

As used in this chapter:

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(2) “Sexual conduct” means any of the following:

(A) any conduct involving contact between the penis and the vulva, the penis and the penis, the penis and the anus, the mouth and the penis, the mouth and the anus, the vulva and the vulva, or the mouth and the vulva;

(B) any intrusion, however slight, by any part of a person’s body or any object into the genital or anal opening of another with the intent of
arousing, appealing to, or gratifying the lust, passions, or sexual desire of any
person;

(C) any intentional touching, not through the clothing, of the genitals, anus, or breasts of another with the intent of arousing, appealing to, or gratifying the lust, passions, or sexual desire of any person;

(D) masturbation;

(E) bestiality; or

(F) sadomasochistic abuse for sexual purposes; or

(G) any simulation of the conduct described in subdivisions (2)(A)–(F) of this section.

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(7) “Simulation” means the explicit depiction of any conduct described in subdivisions (2)(A)–(F) of this section that creates the appearance of such conduct and that exhibits the uncovered portion of the breasts, genitals, or buttocks.

Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on July 1, 2021.