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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

720 ILCS 5/11-20.1

from Ch. 38, par. 11-20.1

Amends the Criminal Code of 1961. Eliminates the provision that possession by the defendant of more than one of the same film, videotape or visual reproduction or depiction by computer in which child pornography is depicted shall raise a rebuttable presumption that the defendant possessed such materials with the intent to disseminate them. Provides that possession of more than one of the same film, videotape or visual reproduction or depiction by computer in which child pornography is depicted is a Class X felony for which the defendant shall be sentenced to a term of imprisonment of not less than 9 years and not more than 40 years.

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CORRECTIONAL
BUDGET AND
IMPACT NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

1 AN ACT concerning criminal law.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Criminal Code of 1961 is amended by changing
5 Section 11-20.1 as follows:

6 (720 ILCS 5/11-20.1) (from Ch. 38, par. 11-20.1)

7 Sec. 11-20.1. Child pornography.

8 (a) A person commits the offense of child pornography who:

9 (1) films, videotapes, photographs, or otherwise
10 depicts or portrays by means of any similar visual medium
11 or reproduction or depicts by computer any child whom he
12 knows or reasonably should know to be under the age of 18
13 or any severely or profoundly mentally retarded person
14 where such child or severely or profoundly mentally
15 retarded person is:

16 (i) actually or by simulation engaged in any act of
17 sexual penetration or sexual conduct with any person or
18 animal; or

19 (ii) actually or by simulation engaged in any act
20 of sexual penetration or sexual conduct involving the
21 sex organs of the child or severely or profoundly
22 mentally retarded person and the mouth, anus, or sex
23 organs of another person or animal; or which involves

1 the mouth, anus or sex organs of the child or severely
2 or profoundly mentally retarded person and the sex
3 organs of another person or animal; or

4 (iii) actually or by simulation engaged in any act
5 of masturbation; or

6 (iv) actually or by simulation portrayed as being
7 the object of, or otherwise engaged in, any act of lewd
8 fondling, touching, or caressing involving another
9 person or animal; or

10 (v) actually or by simulation engaged in any act of
11 excretion or urination within a sexual context; or

12 (vi) actually or by simulation portrayed or
13 depicted as bound, fettered, or subject to sadistic,
14 masochistic, or sadomasochistic abuse in any sexual
15 context; or

16 (vii) depicted or portrayed in any pose, posture or
17 setting involving a lewd exhibition of the unclothed or
18 transparently clothed genitals, pubic area, buttocks,
19 or, if such person is female, a fully or partially
20 developed breast of the child or other person; or

21 (2) with the knowledge of the nature or content
22 thereof, reproduces, disseminates, offers to disseminate,
23 exhibits or possesses with intent to disseminate any film,
24 videotape, photograph or other similar visual reproduction
25 or depiction by computer of any child or severely or
26 profoundly mentally retarded person whom the person knows

1 or reasonably should know to be under the age of 18 or to
2 be a severely or profoundly mentally retarded person,
3 engaged in any activity described in subparagraphs (i)
4 through (vii) of paragraph (1) of this subsection; or

5 (3) with knowledge of the subject matter or theme
6 thereof, produces any stage play, live performance, film,
7 videotape or other similar visual portrayal or depiction by
8 computer which includes a child whom the person knows or
9 reasonably should know to be under the age of 18 or a
10 severely or profoundly mentally retarded person engaged in
11 any activity described in subparagraphs (i) through (vii)
12 of paragraph (1) of this subsection; or

13 (4) solicits, uses, persuades, induces, entices, or
14 coerces any child whom he knows or reasonably should know
15 to be under the age of 18 or a severely or profoundly
16 mentally retarded person to appear in any stage play, live
17 presentation, film, videotape, photograph or other similar
18 visual reproduction or depiction by computer in which the
19 child or severely or profoundly mentally retarded person is
20 or will be depicted, actually or by simulation, in any act,
21 pose or setting described in subparagraphs (i) through
22 (vii) of paragraph (1) of this subsection; or

23 (5) is a parent, step-parent, legal guardian or other
24 person having care or custody of a child whom the person
25 knows or reasonably should know to be under the age of 18
26 or a severely or profoundly mentally retarded person and

1 who knowingly permits, induces, promotes, or arranges for
2 such child or severely or profoundly mentally retarded
3 person to appear in any stage play, live performance, film,
4 videotape, photograph or other similar visual
5 presentation, portrayal or simulation or depiction by
6 computer of any act or activity described in subparagraphs
7 (i) through (vii) of paragraph (1) of this subsection; or

8 (6) with knowledge of the nature or content thereof,
9 possesses any film, videotape, photograph or other similar
10 visual reproduction or depiction by computer of any child
11 or severely or profoundly mentally retarded person whom the
12 person knows or reasonably should know to be under the age
13 of 18 or to be a severely or profoundly mentally retarded
14 person, engaged in any activity described in subparagraphs
15 (i) through (vii) of paragraph (1) of this subsection; or

16 (7) solicits, uses, persuades, induces, entices, or
17 coerces a person to provide a child under the age of 18 or
18 a severely or profoundly mentally retarded person to appear
19 in any videotape, photograph, film, stage play, live
20 presentation, or other similar visual reproduction or
21 depiction by computer in which the child or severely or
22 profoundly mentally retarded person will be depicted,
23 actually or by simulation, in any act, pose, or setting
24 described in subparagraphs (i) through (vii) of paragraph
25 (1) of this subsection.

26 (b) (1) It shall be an affirmative defense to a charge of

1 child pornography that the defendant reasonably believed,
2 under all of the circumstances, that the child was 18 years
3 of age or older or that the person was not a severely or
4 profoundly mentally retarded person but only where, prior
5 to the act or acts giving rise to a prosecution under this
6 Section, he took some affirmative action or made a bonafide
7 inquiry designed to ascertain whether the child was 18
8 years of age or older or that the person was not a severely
9 or profoundly mentally retarded person and his reliance
10 upon the information so obtained was clearly reasonable.

11 (2) (Blank).

12 (3) The charge of child pornography shall not apply to
13 the performance of official duties by law enforcement or
14 prosecuting officers or persons employed by law
15 enforcement or prosecuting agencies, court personnel or
16 attorneys, nor to bonafide treatment or professional
17 education programs conducted by licensed physicians,
18 psychologists or social workers.

19 (4) (Blank) ~~Possession by the defendant of more than~~
20 ~~one of the same film, videotape or visual reproduction or~~
21 ~~depiction by computer in which child pornography is~~
22 ~~depicted shall raise a rebuttable presumption that the~~
23 ~~defendant possessed such materials with the intent to~~
24 ~~disseminate them.~~

25 (5) The charge of child pornography does not apply to a
26 person who does not voluntarily possess a film, videotape,

1 or visual reproduction or depiction by computer in which
2 child pornography is depicted. Possession is voluntary if
3 the defendant knowingly procures or receives a film,
4 videotape, or visual reproduction or depiction for a
5 sufficient time to be able to terminate his or her
6 possession.

7 (c) Violation of paragraph (1), (4), (5), or (7) of
8 subsection (a) is a Class 1 felony with a mandatory minimum
9 fine of \$2,000 and a maximum fine of \$100,000. Violation of
10 paragraph (3) of subsection (a) is a Class 1 felony with a
11 mandatory minimum fine of \$1500 and a maximum fine of \$100,000.
12 Violation of paragraph (2) of subsection (a) is a Class 1
13 felony with a mandatory minimum fine of \$1000 and a maximum
14 fine of \$100,000. Violation of paragraph (6) of subsection (a)
15 is a Class 3 felony with a mandatory minimum fine of \$1000 and
16 a maximum fine of \$100,000. Violation of paragraph (6) of
17 subsection (a) is a Class X felony for which the defendant
18 shall be sentenced to a term of imprisonment of not less than 9
19 years and not more than 40 years if the defendant possessed
20 more than one of the same film, videotape or visual
21 reproduction or depiction by computer in which child
22 pornography is depicted.

23 (d) If a person is convicted of a second or subsequent
24 violation of this Section within 10 years of a prior
25 conviction, the court shall order a presentence psychiatric
26 examination of the person. The examiner shall report to the

1 court whether treatment of the person is necessary.

2 (e) Any film, videotape, photograph or other similar visual
3 reproduction or depiction by computer which includes a child
4 under the age of 18 or a severely or profoundly mentally
5 retarded person engaged in any activity described in
6 subparagraphs (i) through (vii) or paragraph 1 of subsection
7 (a), and any material or equipment used or intended for use in
8 photographing, filming, printing, producing, reproducing,
9 manufacturing, projecting, exhibiting, depiction by computer,
10 or disseminating such material shall be seized and forfeited in
11 the manner, method and procedure provided by Section 36-1 of
12 this Code for the seizure and forfeiture of vessels, vehicles
13 and aircraft.

14 (e-5) Upon the conclusion of a case brought under this
15 Section, the court shall seal all evidence depicting a victim
16 or witness that is sexually explicit. The evidence may be
17 unsealed and viewed, on a motion of the party seeking to unseal
18 and view the evidence, only for good cause shown and in the
19 discretion of the court. The motion must expressly set forth
20 the purpose for viewing the material. The State's attorney and
21 the victim, if possible, shall be provided reasonable notice of
22 the hearing on the motion to unseal the evidence. Any person
23 entitled to notice of a hearing under this subsection (e-5) may
24 object to the motion.

25 (f) Definitions. For the purposes of this Section:

26 (1) "Disseminate" means (i) to sell, distribute,

1 exchange or transfer possession, whether with or without
2 consideration or (ii) to make a depiction by computer
3 available for distribution or downloading through the
4 facilities of any telecommunications network or through
5 any other means of transferring computer programs or data
6 to a computer.

7 (2) "Produce" means to direct, promote, advertise,
8 publish, manufacture, issue, present or show.

9 (3) "Reproduce" means to make a duplication or copy.

10 (4) "Depict by computer" means to generate or create,
11 or cause to be created or generated, a computer program or
12 data that, after being processed by a computer either alone
13 or in conjunction with one or more computer programs,
14 results in a visual depiction on a computer monitor,
15 screen, or display.

16 (5) "Depiction by computer" means a computer program or
17 data that, after being processed by a computer either alone
18 or in conjunction with one or more computer programs,
19 results in a visual depiction on a computer monitor,
20 screen, or display.

21 (6) "Computer", "computer program", and "data" have
22 the meanings ascribed to them in Section 16D-2 of this
23 Code.

24 (7) "Child" includes a film, videotape, photograph, or
25 other similar visual medium or reproduction or depiction by
26 computer that is, or appears to be, that of a person,

1 either in part, or in total, under the age of 18,
2 regardless of the method by which the film, videotape,
3 photograph, or other similar visual medium or reproduction
4 or depiction by computer is created, adopted, or modified
5 to appear as such. "Child" also includes a film, videotape,
6 photograph, or other similar visual medium or reproduction
7 or depiction by computer that is advertised, promoted,
8 presented, described, or distributed in such a manner that
9 conveys the impression that the film, videotape,
10 photograph, or other similar visual medium or reproduction
11 or depiction by computer is of a person under the age of
12 18.

13 (8) "Sexual penetration" and "sexual conduct" have the
14 meanings ascribed to them in Section 12-12 of this Code.

15 (g) Re-enactment; findings; purposes.

16 (1) The General Assembly finds and declares that:

17 (i) Section 50-5 of Public Act 88-680, effective
18 January 1, 1995, contained provisions amending the
19 child pornography statute, Section 11-20.1 of the
20 Criminal Code of 1961. Section 50-5 also contained
21 other provisions.

22 (ii) In addition, Public Act 88-680 was entitled
23 "AN ACT to create a Safe Neighborhoods Law". (A)
24 Article 5 was entitled JUVENILE JUSTICE and amended the
25 Juvenile Court Act of 1987. (B) Article 15 was entitled
26 GANGS and amended various provisions of the Criminal

1 Code of 1961 and the Unified Code of Corrections. (C)
2 Article 20 was entitled ALCOHOL ABUSE and amended
3 various provisions of the Illinois Vehicle Code. (D)
4 Article 25 was entitled DRUG ABUSE and amended the
5 Cannabis Control Act and the Illinois Controlled
6 Substances Act. (E) Article 30 was entitled FIREARMS
7 and amended the Criminal Code of 1961 and the Code of
8 Criminal Procedure of 1963. (F) Article 35 amended the
9 Criminal Code of 1961, the Rights of Crime Victims and
10 Witnesses Act, and the Unified Code of Corrections. (G)
11 Article 40 amended the Criminal Code of 1961 to
12 increase the penalty for compelling organization
13 membership of persons. (H) Article 45 created the
14 Secure Residential Youth Care Facility Licensing Act
15 and amended the State Finance Act, the Juvenile Court
16 Act of 1987, the Unified Code of Corrections, and the
17 Private Correctional Facility Moratorium Act. (I)
18 Article 50 amended the WIC Vendor Management Act, the
19 Firearm Owners Identification Card Act, the Juvenile
20 Court Act of 1987, the Criminal Code of 1961, the
21 Wrongs to Children Act, and the Unified Code of
22 Corrections.

23 (iii) On September 22, 1998, the Third District
24 Appellate Court in *People v. Dainty*, 701 N.E. 2d 118,
25 ruled that Public Act 88-680 violates the single
26 subject clause of the Illinois Constitution (Article

1 IV, Section 8 (d)) and was unconstitutional in its
2 entirety. As of the time this amendatory Act of 1999
3 was prepared, People v. Dainty was still subject to
4 appeal.

5 (iv) Child pornography is a vital concern to the
6 people of this State and the validity of future
7 prosecutions under the child pornography statute of
8 the Criminal Code of 1961 is in grave doubt.

9 (2) It is the purpose of this amendatory Act of 1999 to
10 prevent or minimize any problems relating to prosecutions
11 for child pornography that may result from challenges to
12 the constitutional validity of Public Act 88-680 by
13 re-enacting the Section relating to child pornography that
14 was included in Public Act 88-680.

15 (3) This amendatory Act of 1999 re-enacts Section
16 11-20.1 of the Criminal Code of 1961, as it has been
17 amended. This re-enactment is intended to remove any
18 question as to the validity or content of that Section; it
19 is not intended to supersede any other Public Act that
20 amends the text of the Section as set forth in this
21 amendatory Act of 1999. The material is shown as existing
22 text (i.e., without underscoring) because, as of the time
23 this amendatory Act of 1999 was prepared, People v. Dainty
24 was subject to appeal to the Illinois Supreme Court.

25 (4) The re-enactment by this amendatory Act of 1999 of
26 Section 11-20.1 of the Criminal Code of 1961 relating to

1 child pornography that was amended by Public Act 88-680 is
2 not intended, and shall not be construed, to imply that
3 Public Act 88-680 is invalid or to limit or impair any
4 legal argument concerning whether those provisions were
5 substantially re-enacted by other Public Acts.

6 (Source: P.A. 94-366, eff. 7-29-05.)