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Attorney General Marshall Welcomes Alabama Senate's Unanimous Adoption of Alabama Child Protection Act

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(Montgomery) – Attorney General Steve Marshall welcomes the Alabama Senate's adoption of the Alabama Child Protection Act. House Bill 168, carried in the Senate by Senator April Weaver (R-Brierfield), passed unanimously. In February, the House of Representatives unanimously adopted the measure, sponsored by Representative Matt Woods (R-Jasper), to expand the state's ability to investigate and prosecute artificially-generated child sexual abuse material. The bill will now head to the Governor's desk for her signature.

"Artificial intelligence delivers opportunities for productive innovation, but has and will be used by those seeking to do harm – particularly when it comes to the rapid production and dissemination of child sex abuse material. With the passage of HB168, Alabama will become a leader in the nation for protecting children from this scourge – thwarting child sex abuse material designed by artificial intelligence," said Attorney General Steve Marshall. "I am thankful for Representative Matt Woods' leadership on this issue, which ensures that law enforcement and prosecutors have the tools they need to lock up these depraved predators."

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