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3 4 5	(By Delegates Hunt, Moore, Marcum, Miley, P. Smith, Skaff, White, Paxton, Hamilton, Faircloth and Barill)	
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7	Committee on the Judiciary then Finance.]	
8		FISCAL NOTE
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10 A	A BILL to amend and reenact $61-8C-2$ and $61-8C-3$ of the Code of	
11	West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to amend said code by	
12	adding thereto a new section, designated §61-8C-3b, all	
13	relating to child pornography; increasing criminal penalties	
14	for certain violations; providing enhanced penalties for	
15	second and subsequent violations; providing enhanced penalties	
16	for violations involving possession of five hundred or more	
17	images; providing enhanced penalties for violations involving	
18	images showing a minor subjected to pain or engaging in sexual	
19	activity with an animal; and providing that certain violators	
20	are not eligible for probation.	

21 Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That §61-8C-2 and §61-8C-3 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, 22 23 as amended, be amended and reenacted; and that said code be amended 24 by adding thereto a new section, designated §61-8C-3b, all to read 25 as follows:

ARTICLE 8C. FILMING OF SEXUALLY EXPLICIT CONDUCT OF MINORS.
 \$61-8C-2. Use of minors in filming sexually explicit conduct

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prohibited; penalty.

4 (a) Any person who causes or knowingly permits, uses, 5 persuades, induces, entices or coerces such <u>a</u> minor to engage in or 6 uses <u>such the</u> minor to do or assist in any sexually explicit 7 conduct <u>shall be is</u> guilty of a felony when <u>such the</u> person has 8 knowledge that <u>any such the</u> act is being photographed or filmed. 9 Upon conviction thereof, <u>such the</u> person shall be fined not more 10 than \$10,000, or imprisoned in <u>the penitentiary a correctional</u> 11 <u>facility</u> not more than ten years, or both fined and imprisoned.

12 (b) (1) Any person who photographs or films such <u>a</u> minor 13 engaging in any sexually explicit conduct shall be <u>is</u> guilty of a 14 felony, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be:

15 <u>(A) For a first offense under this article,</u> fined not more 16 than \$10,000, or and imprisoned in the penitentiary <u>a correctional</u> 17 <u>facility for at least fifteen and</u> not more than ten thirty years; 18 or both fined and imprisoned

19 (B) For a second or subsequent offense under this article, 20 fined not more than \$100,000, and imprisoned in a correctional 21 facility for at least twenty-five and not more than fifty years. 22 (2) Notwithstanding section two, article twelve, chapter 23 sixty-two of this code, a person sentenced under paragraph (B), 24 subdivision (1) of this subsection, is not eligible for probation. 1 (c) (1) Any parent, legal guardian or person having custody 2 and control of a minor, who photographs or films such the minor in 3 any sexually explicit conduct or causes or knowingly permits, uses, 4 persuades, induces, entices or coerces such the minor child to 5 engage in or assist in any sexually explicit act shall be is guilty 6 of a felony when such the person has knowledge that any such the 7 act may be photographed or filmed. Upon conviction thereof, such 8 the person shall be:

9 <u>(A) For a first offense under this article,</u> fined not more 10 than \$10,000, or and imprisoned in the penitentiary <u>a correctional</u> 11 <u>facility for at least fifteen and</u> not more than ten thirty years; 12 or both fined and imprisoned and

(B) For a second or subsequent offense under this article, 13 14 fined not more than \$100,000, and imprisoned in a correctional 15 facility for at least twenty-five and not more than fifty years. 16 (2) Notwithstanding section two, article twelve, chapter 17 sixty-two of this code, a person sentenced under paragraph (B), 18 subdivision (1) of this subsection, is not eligible for probation. Distribution and exhibiting of material depicting 19 §61-8C-3. 20 minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct 21 prohibited; penalty.

22 (a) Any A person who may not, with knowledge, sends or causes
23 send or cause to be sent, or distributes, exhibits, possesses or
24 displays or transports any distribute, exhibit, possess or display

1 or transport any material visually portraying a minor engaged in 2 any sexually explicit conduct.

3 <u>(b) (1) A person who violates subsection (a) of this section</u> 4 is:

5 <u>(A) For a first offense under this article,</u> guilty of a 6 felony, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be imprisoned in the 7 penitentiary not more than two <u>a correctional facility for not</u> 8 <u>less than five nor more than twenty</u> years, and fined not more than 9 \$2,000; <u>and</u>

10 <u>(B) For a second or subsequent offense under this article,</u> 11 <u>guilty of a felony and, upon conviction thereof, shall be</u> 12 <u>imprisoned in a correctional facility for not less than fifteen nor</u> 13 more than forty years, and fined not more than \$200,000.

14 (2) Notwithstanding section two, article twelve, chapter 15 sixty-two of this code, a person sentenced under paragraph (B), 16 subdivision (1) of this subsection, is not eliqible for probation. 17 (c) A person or who receives five hundred or more images 18 visually portraying a minor engaged in sexually explicit conduct 19 is:

20 (1) For a first offense under this article, guilty of a felony 21 and, upon conviction thereof, shall be imprisoned in a correctional 22 facility for not less than five nor more than twenty years, and 23 fined not more than \$2,000; and

24 (2) For a second or subsequent offense under this article,

1 guilty of a felony and, upon conviction thereof, shall be 2 imprisoned in a correctional facility for not less than fifteen nor 3 more than forty years, and fined not more than \$200,000. 4 (3) Notwithstanding section two, article twelve, chapter 5 sixty-two of this code, a person sentenced under this subsection, 6 is not eligible for probation.

7 <u>§61-8C-3b.</u> Enhanced penalty for violations involving image 8 showing minor subjected to pain or engaging in 9 sexual activity with an animal.

10 (a) In addition to the penalties provided in sections two and 11 three of this article, a person convicted of a violation of those 12 sections where the images involved include an image of a minor 13 subjected to pain or engaging in sexual activity with an animal 14 other than a human, shall be punished by adding an additional 15 fifteen years to the punishment imposed pursuant to those sections. 16 (b) Notwithstanding section two, article twelve, chapter 17 sixty-two of this code, a person whose sentence is enhanced under 18 subsection (a) of this section, is not eligible for probation.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to increase certain penalties under the child pornography law to make them similar to those imposed under federal law. The bill also provides enhanced penalties for:

(1) Second and subsequent violations under some circumstances;

(2) Violations involving possession of five hundred or more images; and

(3) Violations involving images showing a minor subjected to

pain or engaging in sexual activity with an animal.

The bill also provides that certain violators are not eligible for probation.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from the present law, and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.

-8C-3b is new; therefore, it has been completely underscored.