



## Boscola Bi-Partisan Legislation to Combat AI-Generated Deepfake Images of Minors in PA Set for Enactment

By Senator Lisa M. Boscola

Legislation sponsored by Sen. Lisa Boscola (D-18), Sen. Tracy Pennycuick (R-24), and Sen. Jimmy Dillon (D-5) to combat “deepfake” images of minors and child sexual abuse materials generated by artificial intelligence (AI) received final legislative approval and is set for enactment into law.

Sen. Boscola Remarks on Legislation to Combat AI-Generated Deepfake Images of Minors in PA Senate Bill 1213 addresses the alarming rise in AI-generated sexual images of non-consenting adults and children. Currently, Pennsylvania law makes it illegal to share intimate images without consent but does not clearly address the use of AI deepfake technology for this purpose.

“I applaud the bipartisanship that got this bill across the finish line,” said Boscola. “In passing this legislation, we have taken a big leap forward in stemming the use of AI technology for exploitive, vile ends. I am grateful for the hard work of my colleagues in getting this done.”

This gap in our law leaves many vulnerable to a new form of digital abuse as current laws don’t cover this new threat - this legislation aims to ban the creation and sharing of these fake images without consent, including those involving children. The victims of these crimes are innocent and this new law will do more to prevent new ones.

“With the passage of Senate Bill 1213, we are one step closer to protecting Pennsylvanians—especially our children—from the harmful misuse of AI technology,” said Dillon. “This bill addresses a gap in our laws, ensuring that AI-generated sexual images without consent are treated as the serious violations they are. I’m proud to have worked alongside my colleagues, Senators Pennycuick and Boscola, to see this vital legislation move forward.”

### AI-Generated Deepfake Images

Recently, national headlines covered a story involving students in a neighboring state where students used AI to create explicit images of their classmates, causing a lot of distress.

In August, the police in Lancaster County launched an investigation into this case and the district attorney said that in some cases charges can’t be filed because the images don’t involve actual children. Senate Bill 1213 would close that loophole.

“AI technology can be used for good or evil, and Pennsylvania needs a law to target depraved people who use it to create sexual images of people who did not give their consent, along with child sexual abuse materials,” said Pennycuick, who chairs the Senate Communications and Technology Committee. “This bipartisan legislation sends the message that this insidious use of AI will not be tolerated in Pennsylvania.

The bill originally passed the Senate in June, was amended by the House of Representatives, and received final Senate approval today. It will now be sent to the governor to be signed into law.



## Trail

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of Supervisors submitted a letter of support.

“It’s always good when we partner with Lafayette on things because they are a community member, so we’re pretty excited,” said Dean Turner, a supervisor on the Forks Township board.

The application was evaluated on the project’s commitment to the goals of the Livable Landscapes Grant. While there is no current funding for the design or implementation of the trail, the planning will serve as a first step to gaining future funding approval.

Lafayette will have until December 2026 to finalize plans for the trail before funding is cut. Acevedo explained that the initial planning phase will include analyzing existing data and legal feasibility as well as seeking public input.

The college will then create a conceptual trail plan with alternative routes and recommendations for the preliminary design.

“Basically, we utilize the planning efforts as a catalyst, because part of the requirements in our grant program is implementation projects need to be a recommendation in an existing plan,” Acevedo said. “So that’s why it’s very important that we guide all of our grantees.”

The county promises to match up to half of the college’s total expenses on the trail; however, if the total exceeds \$150,000 for funding, the county will not go over \$75,000, leaving the college to cover the rest, according to Acevedo.

The trail will contribute toward the goals of the campus master plan to increase connections between the college and the Lehigh Valley, according to the Lafayette Today. In addition to serving as an administrator for the Livable Landscapes Program, Acevedo will also serve as a member of the college’s future steering committee that will oversee the trail.

Roles in the steering committee have yet to be assigned, according to Acevedo. However, according to Director of Facilities Planning and Construction Mary Wilford-Hunt, the project will be managed by the college’s division of finance and administration through Audra Kahr, the vice president of the division.

While the project will not be completed for several years, there are hopes for student input during both the planning phase and after completion.

“Potentially there can be a class or two that is involved in doing some of the survey of stakeholder groups,” Nahman said.

She hopes students will continue to brainstorm ideas on how to implement the trail into campus and classroom opportunities even after the trail is built.

“The college has always been, and should always be, a neighbor that welcomes community into our spaces,” she said. “I think this is a perfect demonstration of how we’re trying to facilitate that.”

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