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Catch Title: Nude image of a minor disseminated or possessed by a minor.

Subject: Nude image of a minor disseminated or possessed by a minor.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This bill creates offenses for the dissemination or possession of a nude image of a minor by a minor.
- If a minor knowingly disseminates a nude image of himself, or possesses a nude image of another minor who is at least eleven years old, unless the minor inadvertently came into possession of the image and took reasonable steps to destroy the image or notify a person in a position of authority of its existence, the minor is guilty of a status offense and may be fined up to \$250.00. A status offense is defined in Wyoming law as an offense which, if committed by an adult, would not constitute an act punishable as a criminal offense or a violation of a municipal ordinance.
- If the minor knowingly disseminates a nude image of another minor who is at least eleven years old, the minor is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of up to \$500.00, imprisonment in a juvenile detention facility for up to three months, or both.
- If, with the intent to coerce, intimidate, torment, harass or otherwise cause emotional distress to another minor, a minor disseminates or threatens to disseminate or secretly captures a nude image of another minor who is at least eleven years old, the minor is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of up to \$750.00, imprisonment in a juvenile detention facility for up to six months, or both.
- The bill clarifies that the term "nude image" does not include a depiction of explicit sexual conduct involving a child. This exception is necessary to accommodate separate crimes involving the sexual exploitation of children.

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