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NO FAKES Act of 2026

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]
Party: Democratic • **State:** DE • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (15 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Blackburn, Marsha [R-TN]	R · TN		May 20, 2026
Sen. Britt, Katie Boyd [R-AL]	R · AL		May 20, 2026
Sen. Cassidy, Bill [R-LA]	R · LA		May 20, 2026
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		May 20, 2026
Sen. Hagerty, Bill [R-TN]	R · TN		May 20, 2026
Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]	D · HI		May 20, 2026
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		May 20, 2026
Sen. Lankford, James [R-OK]	R · OK		May 20, 2026
Sen. Moody, Ashley [R-FL]	R · FL		May 20, 2026
Sen. Schiff, Adam B. [D-CA]	D · CA		May 20, 2026
Sen. Slotkin, Elissa [D-MI]	D · MI		May 20, 2026
Sen. Tillis, Thomas [R-NC]	R · NC		May 20, 2026
Sen. Welch, Peter [D-VT]	D · VT		May 20, 2026
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Jun 16, 2026
Sen. Scott, Rick [R-FL]	R · FL		Jun 16, 2026

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 20, 2026
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Markup By	Jun 18, 2026
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Reported By	Jun 24, 2026

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Commerce

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
119 HR 8915	Identical bill	**May 20, 2026:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
119 HR 2794	Related bill	**Apr 9, 2025:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
119 S 1367	Related bill	**Apr 9, 2025:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Summary (as of Jun 24, 2026)

Nurture Originals, Foster Art, and Keep Entertainment Safe Act of 2026 or the NO FAKES Act of 2026

This bill creates a federal intellectual property right to protect individuals from unauthorized digital replicas (e.g., digital content made using generative artificial intelligence) of their voice and visual likeness.

Specifically, the bill gives each individual or right holder the right to authorize (1) the use of a digital replica embodying the individual's voice or visual likeness, or (2) the use of the individual's voice or visual likeness for a product or service requiring authorization to avoid liability under the bill. This property right is not assignable during the individual’s lifetime but is licensable and does not expire upon the death of the individual.

Generally, any individual or entity that engages in specified prohibited activities (e.g., distributing a digital replica without authorization) shall be liable in a civil action and subject to related penalties. The bill exempts specified uses from liability, such as categories of conduct likely to involve protected speech under the First Amendment (e.g., news reporting, sports broadcasts, and satire).

The bill establishes (1) a notice-and-takedown process for unauthorized digital replicas; and (2) a counter-notification process, which allows an individual to contest the removal of a digital replica. The bill establishes penalties related to false or deceptive notice or counter-notice.

The bill expressly preempts state laws related to digital replicas except for causes of action under state statutes or common law in existence as of January 2, 2025.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 24, 2026:** Committee on the Judiciary. Reported by Senator Grassley with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Without written report.
- **Jun 24, 2026:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 446.
- **Jun 18, 2026:** Committee on the Judiciary. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **May 20, 2026:** Introduced in Senate
- **May 20, 2026:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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