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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

**Expands the crime of computer solicitation of children to include cases where an offender uses an electronic communications system, or a telecommunications, wire, or radio communications system, or other electronic device capable of electronic data storage or transmission. Because of the expanded nature of the offense, the bill proposes renaming the offense “electronic solicitation of children.”**

**Under the expanded offense, a person 18 years of age or older is guilty of a felony if he uses a computer, the Internet, or an electronic device (e.g., a telephone) to communicate with a child with the intent to arouse or gratify the sexual desire of any person and the person does any of the following:**

- "solicits" a child to engage in sexual conduct;
- communicates in a "sexually explicit" manner with a child; or
- distributes "sexually explicit" material to a child.