

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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This legislation establishes the Parental Rights in Social Media Act. Social media, often designed to encourage habitual use, is associated with mental health issues in minors and can be used by child predators. Many social media companies also collect and profit from the data collected on minors who use their platforms. This legislation empowers parents to protect their children by requiring parental consent for children to open accounts, and gives parents a remedy to hold companies accountable.

FISCAL NOTE

This legislation does not require the expenditure of any state funds and does not create, repeal, or amend any state taxes or fees. Consequently, it would have no fiscal impact on the General Fund or any other state fund. Any costs associated with potential legal proceedings are speculative in nature.

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