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Bill Analysis

SB 1960 prohibits any commercial entity from publishing or distributing material, more than 1/3 of which is harmful to minors, on the internet from a website or application without performing a reasonable age verification method to verify individuals attempting to access the material are 18 years of age or older. Such methods include providing digital identification or complying with a commercial age verification system that verifies government issued identification or any commercially reasonable method that relies on public or private transactional data to verify the age of the person attempting to access the information. Commercial entities that fail to prevent such publication on their website or application or install property verification methods shall be liable parent or legal guardian of the minor for damages. No commercial entity performing age verification shall retain identifying information and shall be held liable for damages resulting from retaining identifying information. The provisions of this measure shall not apply to any scientific, educational, or news media broadcast video, report, or event. Search engines and interactive computer service providers shall also not be held liable.

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