

BILL SUMMARY
1st Session of the 60th Legislature

Bill No.:	HB1275
Version:	FULLPCS1
Request Number:	12670
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Impact:	OAG: \$300,000

Research Analysis

The proposed oversight committee substitute for HB 1275 places restrictions on social media usage. Social media companies may not allow minors under 16 to use social media and must require parental consent for minors 16 or older. Companies who violate this regulation are subject to a \$2,500 fine per violation plus court costs, attorney fees, and damages. The Attorney General is also authorized to take legal action. Additionally, commercial entities are prohibited from collecting or sharing a minor's personal or location information.

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Fiscal Analysis

The FULLPCS1 to HB1275 would restrict minors under the age of 16 from accessing certain social media platforms. HB1275 allows the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) to initiate enforcement measures on social media companies found to be in violation of this act. Officials with the OAG anticipate needing to hire an additional attorney and an additional administrative employee to implement the provisions of the bill at a total cost of \$300,000. The agency would seek additional funding to defray these costs.

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Other Considerations

None.