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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides that companion chatbot platforms shall not allow minors to use the platforms without parental consent and provides protections for minors who use companion chatbots with parental consent.

Proposed law defines "account holder", "artificial intelligence", "companion chatbot", "material harmful to minors", and "minor".

Proposed law provides that a companion chatbot platform shall prohibit a minor from entering into a contract with the platform to become an account holder or from maintaining an existing account, unless the minor's parent or guardian provides consent for the minor to become an account holder or maintain an existing account.

Proposed law provides that if a minor's parent or guardian consents for the minor to use the companion chatbot platform, that platform shall allow that parent or guardian to do all of the following:

- (1) Obtain copies of all interactions between the account holder and the companion chatbot.
- (2) Limit the amount of time that the account holder may interact with the companion chatbot each day.
- (3) Limit the days of the week and the times during the day when the account holder may interact with the companion chatbot.
- (4) Disable any of the interactions between the account holder and third-party account holders on the companion chatbot platform.
- (5) Receive timely notifications if the account holder expresses to the companion chatbot a desire or an intent to engage in self-harm or to harm others.

Proposed law provides account termination procedures in the event that a minor's parent or guardian does not consent to the minor's use of the chatbot.

Proposed law provides that a companion chatbot platform shall provide minors who use the platform with certain warnings and content restrictions.

Proposed law specifies that a violation of proposed law is a deceptive or unfair trade practice.

Proposed law provides for fines and penalties for violations of proposed law, a civil cause of action, and bases for jurisdiction.

(Adds R.S. 51:2161-2163)