
DIGEST

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Abstract: Establishes a duty of care for covered platforms who contract with minors.

Proposed law defines "connect", "covered platform", "online platform", "online video game", "microtransaction", "nonprofit organization", "school", and "sexually explicit material".

Proposed law provides that every owner or operator of a covered platform who contracts with a minor shall owe a duty of care to the minor.

Proposed law provides that a covered platform shall take the following reasonable measures in the operation of the covered platform:

- (1) Prohibit an adult from connecting to a minor on a covered platform unless the initial connection is made by a minor.
- (2) Prohibit an adult from sending private or direct messages to a minor on a covered platform by video, voice, or messaging unless the minor is connected to the adult on the covered platform.
- (3) Prohibit a covered platform from disclosing or sharing the geolocation of a minor with any individual who is not the legal representative of the minor.
- (4) Prohibit an adult from viewing the online profile or personal data of a minor on a covered platform unless the adult is connected to the minor on the covered platform.

Proposed law provides that the covered platform shall notify the legal representative of a minor within 24 hours if any of the following occur:

- (1) A minor makes a microtransaction on a covered platform.
- (2) A minor is exposed to sexually explicit material on a covered platform.
- (3) A connection is made between an adult and a minor on a covered platform.

Proposed law provides that a legal representative of a minor may opt out of the protections required by proposed law by providing express written consent to a covered platform.

Proposed law provides that any owner or operator of a covered platform who is found to have violated the provisions of proposed law shall be liable to an individual for general damages, court costs, and reasonable attorney fees as ordered by the court.

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(Adds R.S. 9:2717.4)