

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 427

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1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 9:2717.4(B)(3) through (10) and (C)(1), (4), and (5), relative to
3 material harmful to minors; to provide for definitions; to make technical changes; to
4 provide relative to settings on minor accounts; to provide for an effective date; and
5 to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 9:2717.4 (B)(3) through (10) and (C)(1), (4), and (5), are hereby
8 amended and reenacted to read as follows:

9 §2717.4. Kids Online Protection and Anti-Grooming Act

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11 B. For purposes of this Section:

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13 (3) "Material harmful to minors" has the same meaning as provided in R.S.
14 51:2121.

15 ~~(3)~~ (4)(a) "Microtransaction" means any of the following:

16 (i) A purchase made in an online video game involving surprise mechanics,
17 new characters, or other in-game items.

1 (ii) A purchase made using a virtual currency that is purchasable or
 2 redeemable using cash or credit that is included as part of a paid subscription service.

3 (iii) Any purchase or transfer of virtual currency on a covered platform.

4 (b) The term ~~shall~~ does not include a purchase made in an online video game
 5 using a virtual currency that is earned through game play and is not otherwise
 6 purchasable or redeemable using cash or credit or included as part of a paid
 7 subscription service.

8 ~~(4) (5) "Minor" means an account holder on the covered platform who~~
 9 ~~resides in this state under circumstances where the covered platform reasonably~~
 10 ~~believes or has actual knowledge that the account holder is under the age of sixteen~~
 11 ~~and is not emancipated or married~~ has the same meaning as provided in R.S.
 12 9:2717.2.

13 ~~(5) (6) "Nonprofit corporation" means any organization organized on a~~
 14 ~~not-for-profit basis~~ under pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 2 of Title 12 of the
 15 Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950.

16 ~~(6) (7)(a) "Online platform" means any public website, online service, online~~
 17 ~~application, or mobile application that predominantly provides a community forum~~
 18 ~~for user-generated content, such as sharing videos, images, games, audio files, or~~
 19 ~~other content, including a social media service, social network, or virtual reality~~
 20 ~~environment.~~

21 (b) A website, online service, online application, or mobile application is not
 22 an online platform solely on the basis that it includes a chat, comment, or other
 23 interactive function that is incidental to its predominant purpose.

24 ~~(7) (8) "Online video game" means a video game, including an educational~~
 25 ~~video game, that accesses the internet and allows the user to do any of the following:~~

26 (a) Create and upload content that is not incidental to game play such as
 27 character or level designs.

28 (b) Engage in microtransactions within the game.

29 (c) Communicate with other users.

1 (5) Allow the legal representative of a minor to choose to be informed via
2 text, voice, email, through the legal representative's linked account or through the
3 covered platform's parental control interface within a reasonable time, if any of the
4 following occur:

5 (a) A minor is exposed to ~~sexually explicit~~ material harmful to minors on a
6 covered platform.

7 (b) A connection is made between a minor and any other user on a covered
8 platform unless the legal representative of the minor is connected to the account of
9 the minor through the covered platform's parental supervision tools.

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11 Section 2. Section 2 of Act No. 236 of the 2025 Regular Session of the Legislature
12 of Louisiana is hereby repealed in its entirety.

13 Section 3. Section 1 of Act No. 236 of the 2025 Regular Session and the provisions
14 of this Act shall become effective on January 1, 2027.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____