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Abstract: Amends the Kids Online Protection and Anti-Grooming Act and provides relative to material harmful to minors.

Present law provides for the Kids Online Protection and Anti-Grooming Act to protect minors who use covered platforms.

Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law defines "material harmful to minors".

Present law (R.S. 9:2717.4) defines "minor" as an account holder on the covered platform who resides in this state and the covered platform reasonably believes or has actual knowledge that the account holder is under the age of 16 and is not emancipated or married.

Proposed law changes the definition of "minor" to be any person under the age of 18 who is not emancipated.

Present law defines "sexually explicit material".

Proposed law repeals the definition of "sexually explicit material".

Present law provides that every owner or operator of a covered platform who contracts with a minor owes a duty of care to the minor. Requires a covered platform to prioritize the privacy of minor's accounts and establish certain default privacy settings. One of the default privacy settings is to restrict the visibility of the minor's account to only connected accounts.

Proposed law repeals present law and provides that covered platforms must set minor accounts to private mode, in a manner in which only users to whom the minor is connected on the covered platform may view or respond to content posted by the minor.

Present law provides that the legal representative of a minor be informed if a minor is exposed to sexually explicit material.

Proposed law changes present law and requires notification if a minor is exposed to material harmful to minors.

Proposed law repeals the July 1, 2026, effective date of the Kids Online Protection and Anti-Grooming Act.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S.9:2717.4 (B)(3)-(10), (C)(4), and (5)(a))