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Fiscal Note



Fiscal Note On: **HB 220** HLS 26RS 80

Bill Text Version: **REENGROSSED**

Opp. Chamb. Action: **w/ SEN COMM AMD**

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: Reporting Child Exploitation on Covered Platforms		

COMMERCIAL REGULATIONS

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Provides relative to reporting child exploitation on covered platforms

Proposed law requires covered platforms to provide reporting mechanisms for child exploitation; requires that a covered platform that allows users to create, share, or view user-generated content provide clear and conspicuous instructions and method for users to report suspected child sexual abuse material, or other instances of child sexual exploitation under federal law appearing on or transmitted through the platform; provides that the reporting mechanism shall be clear and conspicuous, be readily locatable and usable, labeled using plain language, and allow the report to be submitted without requiring user account registration (unless the platform requires that a user has a registered account before accessing any of the features or content of the covered platform), generate an acknowledgment confirming receipt of the report, and comply with federal law; provides that any covered platform that does not provide a reporting mechanism shall be subject to civil penalties; provides that the AG may conduct an investigation and initiate a civil action in the 19th Judicial District Court (East Baton Rouge Parish) on behalf of the state to assess civil penalties, and that the AG shall provide the covered platform no less than 30 days to comply; provides that any covered platform in violation may be liable for no more than a \$5,000 civil penalty each day of the violation to be paid to the AG, to fund investigation of cyber crimes involving child exploitation, and that the AG may request an additional civil penalty not to exceed \$10,000 for each violation, along with costs, expenses, investigation, legal interest, and attorneys' fees.

EXPENDITURES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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Annual Total

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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed law may result in an indeterminable increase in workload in the Office of the Attorney General (AG), to the extent that it establishes a reporting mechanism and investigates claims, sends notices, and follows up on compliance with entities and covered platforms impacted, along with other requirements that are imposed. The proposed law is permissive and allows the AG to conduct investigations and initiate civil actions on behalf of the state to assess civil penalties. The exact impact to workload is indeterminable, because it is unknown the number of instances in which the AG will pursue civil actions against covered platforms in violation of the proposed law.

Proposed law may result in an indeterminable increase in workload in the Nineteenth Judicial District Court (19th JDC), to the extent that the court experiences an increase in civil filings by the Attorney General against covered platforms in violation. The exact impact to workload is indeterminable, because it is unknown the degree to which the 19th JDC will experience an increase in filings with the enactment of the proposed law.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

Proposed law may result in an indeterminable increase in Self-Generated Revenues in the Office of the Attorney General (AG) pursues civil penalties of up to \$5,000 per day, with additional penalties up to \$10,000 per violation, for those covered platforms that are in noncompliance. The exact fiscal impact is indeterminable, because it is unknown the number of times that the Attorney General will pursue civil actions in the Nineteenth Judicial District Court against those covered platforms that are in violation of the proposed law. Any civil fines collected will be paid to the AG to fund the investigation of cyber crimes involving the exploitation of children.

Senate

Dual Referral Rules

- 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}
- 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

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- 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}
- 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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