

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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

New law defines "material harmful to minors".

Prior law (R.S. 9:2717.4) defined a "minor" as an account holder on the covered platform who resides in the state of La. 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.

New law repeals prior law and redefines a "minor" as any person under the age of 18 who is not emancipated.

Prior law defined "sexually explicit material".

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

Existing 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 a minor's account 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.

Existing law prohibits an adult from connecting to a minor without express consent from the minor's legal representative.

New law prohibits an adult from connecting to a minor without express consent from the minor's legal representative or enables the legal representative of a minor to access a list of the connections of the minor, including a list of contacts with whom the minor has exchanged direct messages through the parental supervision tools of the covered platform.

Prior law restricted the visibility of the minor's account to only connected accounts.

New law repeals prior law to 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.

Existing law allows the legal representative of a minor to choose to be informed via text, voice, email, through the legal representative's linked account, or through the covered platform's parental control interface within a reasonable time in certain circumstances, if any of the following occur as provided in existing and new law:

- (1) A minor is exposed to material harmful to minors on a covered platform.
- (2) A connection is made between a minor and any other user on a covered platform unless the legal representative of the minor is connected to the account of the minor through the covered platform's parental supervision tools.

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

Effective January 1, 2027.

(Amends R.S. 9:2717.4 (B)(3)-(10) and (C)(1), (4), and (5))