TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 1891 - SB 2097

March 9, 2024

SUMMARY OF BILL AS AMENDED (015588): Requires a social media company to verify the age of an individual who attempts to become an account holder of the social media company's platform or is a current account holder within an outlined timeframe. Requires a social media company to prohibit a minor from becoming an account holder, or continuing as an account holder, unless the social media company has the express consent of the minor's parent to allow the minor to become or continue as an account holder. Requires a social media company to provide a minor account holder's parent with means for the parent to supervise the minor's account. Prohibits a social media company or third party from retaining personally identifying information that was used to verify age or parental consent.

Authorizes the Attorney General and Reporter (AG) to bring an action against a a social media company for violation. Authorizes the AG to recover costs incurred in bringing the action, including reasonable attorneys' fees, court costs, and reasonable investigative costs if an injunction is granted. Effective January 1, 2025.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL AS AMENDED:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Any increase in the number of complaints handled by the AG is estimated to be not significant and can be handled by existing staff during normal work hours.
- Any additional AG duties resulting from the proposed legislation will be absorbed using existing resources.
- Any additional workload on the courts, as a result of this legislation, can be accommodated within existing resources and personnel.
- Based on the Fiscal Review Committee's 2008 study and the Administrative Office of the Courts' 2012 study on collection of court costs, fees, and fines, collection in criminal cases is insignificant. The proposed legislation will not significantly change state or local revenue.

IMPACT TO COMMERCE OF BILL AS AMENDED:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumption:

• Any impact to commerce or jobs relative to companies domiciled in Tennessee is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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