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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT
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Bill Number:	S. 0551	Introduced on February 16, 2021
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Subject:	Social Media	
Requestor:	Senate Labor, Commerce, and Industry	
RFA Analyst(s):	Miller and Gardner	
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Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill will have no expenditure impact as the Attorney General's Office can manage the additional responsibilities within the normal course of business.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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State Expenditure

This bill requires the owner or operator of a social media website to prominently post, or otherwise make available, any criteria that the owner or operator uses in determining whether to disable or suspend a user's social media website account. The owner or operator must notify a user, within ten days, why the user's account has been disabled or suspended. Failure to do so is subject to the provisions, penalties and damages of the South Carolina Unfair Trade Practices.

Section 39-5-70 establishes that when it appears to the Attorney General that a person is acting unlawfully as defined in the South Carolina Unfair Trade Practices Act or it is in the public interest to investigate, the Attorney General serve an investigative demand. This falls within the normal course of business for the Attorney General's Office. Therefore, this bill will have no expenditure impact.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

N/A

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