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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT

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Bill Number:	S. 0268	Introduced on January 28, 2025
Subject:	Children and Social Media	
Requestor:	Senate Labor, Commerce, and Industry	
RFA Analyst(s):	Gardner	
Impact Date:	February 18, 2025	

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill establishes provisions related to age-appropriate code design and implementation of electronic platforms of covered online service providers to protect the data and welfare of minor end users. Additionally, the Office of the Attorney General shall enforce the provisions of this bill.

The Office of the Attorney General reports this bill will have no expenditure impact because the agency will administer the responsibilities resulting from the bill with existing staff and resources.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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State Expenditure

This bill establishes provisions related to age-appropriate code design and implementation of electronic platforms of covered online service providers to protect the data and welfare of minor end users. Covered online service providers must also compile and submit to the Attorney General an annual report prepared by a third-party auditor that includes information on the providers' covered design features, use of personal data, and business practices as they pertain to minors. Additionally, the Attorney General must enforce the provisions of this bill. Covered online service providers may be held liable for treble the damages incurred as a result of a violation, and officers and employees may be held personally liable for willful and wanton violations.

The Office of the Attorney General reports this bill will have no expenditure impact because the agency will administer the responsibilities resulting from the bill with existing staff and resources.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure and Local Revenue

N/A

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