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8	For An Act To Be Entitled
9	AN ACT TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS KIDS ONLINE SAFETY ACT;
10	AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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13	Subtitle
14	TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS KIDS ONLINE
15	SAFETY ACT.
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17	BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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19	SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 4, Chapter 88, is amended to add an
20	additional subchapter to read as follows:
21	<u>Subchapter 15 — Arkansas Kids Online Safety Act</u>
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23	<u>4-88-1501. Title.</u>
24	This subchapter shall be known and may be cited as the "Arkansas Kids
25 26	<u>Online Safety Act".</u>
20	4-88-1502. Definitions.
28	As used in this subchapter:
29	(1) "Child" means an individual who is twelve (12) years of age
30	or less;
31	(2) "Compulsive usage" means any response stimulated by external
32	factors that causes an individual to engage in repetitive behavior that is
33	reasonably likely to cause psychological distress, loss of control, anxiety,
34	or depression;
35	(3) "Connected device" means an electronic device that:
36	(A) Is capable of connecting to the internet, either



1	directly or indirectly through a network, to communicate information at the
2	direction of an individual;
3	(B) Has computer processing capabilities for collecting,
4	sending, receiving, or analyzing data; and
5	(C) Is primarily designed for or marketed to consumers;
6	(4)(A) "Covered platform" means an entity that operates an
7	online platform, messaging application, or video streaming service that:
8	(i) Connects to the internet; and
9	(ii) Is targeted to minors
10	(B) "Covered platform" does not include:
11	(i) An entity acting in the entity's own capacity as
12	a provider of:
13	(a) A common carrier service subject to the
14	Telecommunications Act of 1996, Pub. L. No. 73-416;
15	(b) A broadband internet access service as
16	defined in 47 C.F.R. § 8.1(b), as it existed on January 1, 2025;
17	(c) An email service;
18	(d) A teleconferencing or videoconferencing
19	service that allows reception and transmission of audio and video signals for
20	real-time communication, provided that:
21	(1) It is not an online platform such as
22	a social media service or social network; and
23	(2) The real-time communication is
24	initiated by using a unique link or identifier to facilitate access; or
25	(e) A wireless messaging service, including a
26	service that is provided through short messaging service or multimedia
27	messaging service protocols:
28	(1) That is not a component of or linked
29	to an online platform; and
30	(2) Where the predominant or exclusive
31	function is direct messaging consisting of the transmission of text, photos,
32	or videos that are sent by electronic means, where messages are transmitted
33	from the sender to the recipient, and are not posted within an online
34	platform or publicly;
35	(ii) An organization that is not organized to carry
36	on business for its own profit or the profit of its members;

1	(iii) A public or private preschool, elementary
2	school, secondary school, or any institution of vocational, professional, or
3	higher education;
4	(iv) A library, as defined in the Library Services
5	and Technology Act, 20 U.S.C. § 9122, as it existed on January 1, 2025;
6	(v) A news website or news application where:
7	(a) The inclusion of video content on the
8	website or application is related to the website or application's own
9	gathering, reporting, or publishing of news content; and
10	(b) The website or application is not
11	otherwise an online platform;
12	(vi) A product or service that primarily functions
13	<u>as business-to-business software; or</u>
14	(vii) A virtual private network or similar service
15	that exists solely to route internet traffic between locations;
16	(5) "Deidentified" means data that does not identify and is not
17	linked or reasonably linkable to a device that is linked or reasonably
18	linkable to an individual, regardless of whether the information is
19	aggregated;
20	(6) "Geolocation" means information sufficient to identify a
21	street name and a name of a city or town;
22	(7)(A) "Individual-specific advertising to minors" means
23	advertising or any other effort to market a product or service that is
24	directed to a specific minor or a device that is linked or reasonably
25	linkable to a minor based on:
26	(i) The personal data of the minor or a group of
27	minors who are similar in sex, age, income level, race, or ethnicity to the
28	specific minor to whom the product or service is marketed;
29	(ii) Psychological profiling of a minor or group of
30	minors; or
31	(iii) A unique identifier of the device.
32	(B) "Individual-specific advertising to minors" includes
33	advertising or any other effort to market a product or service that is
34	directed to a specific minor or a device that is linked or reasonably
35	linkable to a minor as a result of use by the minor, access by device of the
36	minor, or use by a group of minors who are similar to the specific minor, of

1	more than a single:
2	<u>(i) Website;</u>
3	(ii) Online service;
4	(iii) Online application;
5	(iv) Mobile application; or
6	(v) Connected device.
7	(C) "Individual-specific advertising to minors" does not
8	<u>include:</u>
9	(i) Advertising or marketing to a minor or the
10	device of the minor's specific request for information or feedback, including
11	without limitation a minor's current search query;
12	(ii) Contextual advertising, including without
13	limitation when an advertisement is displayed based on the content of the
14	covered platform on which the advertisement appears and does not vary based
15	on personal information related to the minor; or
16	(iii) Processing personal information solely for
17	measuring or reporting advertising or content performance, reach, or
18	frequency, including without limitation independent measurement;
19	(8) "Knows" means to have actual knowledge or knowledge fairly
20	implied on the basis of objective circumstances;
21	(9) "Mental health disorder" means the same as "mental disorder"
22	under the most current edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of
23	<u>Mental Disorders;</u>
24	(10) "Minor" means an individual who is sixteen (16) years of
25	age or younger;
26	(11) "Narcotic drugs" means the same as defined in the
27	Controlled Substances Act, 21 U.S.C. § 802, as it existed on January 1, 2025;
28	(12)(A) "Online platform" means any public-facing website,
29	online service, online application, or mobile application created primarily
30	to serve a community forum for user generated content, including without
31	limitation sharing videos, images, audio files, or other content.
32	(B) "Online platform" does not include:
33	(i) An entity that solely provides access to third-
34	party applications through a website, online service, online application, or
35	mobile application without exercising control over the functionality,
36	content, or user interactions within those applications;

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1	(ii) A broadband internet service; or
2	(iii) A telecommunications service, as defined in 47
3	U.S.C. § 153, as it existed on January 1, 2025;
4	(13) "Parent" means a:
5	(A) Natural parent of a minor;
6	(B) Legal guardian of a minor; or
7	(C) Individual with legal custody of a minor;
8	(14) "Personal data" means information that identifies or is
9	linked or reasonably linkable to a particular minor, including without
10	limitation a consumer device identifier that is linked or reasonably linkable
11	to a minor;
12	(15) "Personalized recommendation system" means a fully or
13	partially automated system used to suggest, promote, or rank content,
14	including other users or posts, based on the personal data of a user or
15	users;
16	(16) "Verifiable parental consent" means the same as defined in
17	the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act, 15 United States Code § 6501,
18	as it existed on January 1, 2025; and
19	(17) "Video streaming service" means a digital platform that
20	enables users to upload, share, or view user-generated video content in real
21	<u>time.</u>
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23	4-88-1503. Duty of care - Prevention of harm to minors - Limitations.
24	(a) A covered platform shall take reasonable measures in the design
25	and operation of any product, service, or feature that the covered platform
26	knows is used by minors to avoid any heightened risk of harm to minors caused
27	by such product, service, or feature, including without limitation:
28	(1) The following mental health disorders, consistent with
29	evidence-informed medical information:
30	(A) Anxiety;
31	(B) Depression;
32	(C) Eating disorders;
33	(D) Substance use disorders; and
34	(E) Suicidal behaviors;
35	(2) Patterns of use that indicate or encourage addiction-like
36	behaviors;

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1	(3) Physical violence, online bullying, and harassment of the
2	minor;
3	(4) Sexual exploitation and abuse;
4	(5) Promotion and marketing of narcotic drugs, tobacco products,
5	gambling, or alcohol; and
6	(6) Predatory, unfair, or deceptive marketing practices and
7	other financial harms.
8	(b) This section shall not be construed to require a covered platform
9	to prevent or preclude:
10	(1) A minor from deliberately and independently searching for or
11	specifically requesting content;
12	(2) The covered platform or individuals on the platform from
13	providing resources for the prevention or mitigation of the harms described
14	in subsection (a) of this section; or
15	(3) A covered platform that knows that an individual is a minor
16	from delivering an advertisement that is age-appropriate for the minor
17	involved and intended for a minor, so long as the covered platform does not
18	use any personal data other than the age of the minor in deciding to deliver
19	the advertisement.
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21	<u>4-88-1504. Safeguards for minors — Parental tools — Reporting —</u>
22	Application.
23	(a) A covered platform shall provide an individual that the covered
24	platform knows is a minor with readily accessible and easy-to-use safeguards
25	to:
26	(1) Limit the ability of other individuals to communicate with
27	the minor;
28	(2) Prevent other users, whether registered or not, from viewing
29	the minor's personal data collected by or shared on the covered platform,
30	including without limitation restricting public access to personal data;
31	(3) Limit features that increase, sustain, or extend use of the
32	covered platform by the minor, including without limitation:
33	(A) Automatic playing of media;
34	(B) Rewards for time spent on the platform;
35	(C) Notifications; and
36	(D) Other features that result in compulsive usage of the

1	covered platform by the minor;
2	(4) Control personalized recommendation systems by providing the
3	minor with the ability to:
4	(A) Opt out of personalized recommendation systems while
5	still allowing the display of content based on a chronological format; or
6	(B) Limit access to certain types or categories of
7	recommendations from the personalized recommendation systems;
8	(5) Restrict the sharing of the geolocation of the minor to
9	other users on the platform; and
10	(6) Provide notice regarding the tracking of the minor's
11	geolocation.
12	(b) A covered platform shall provide an individual that the covered
13	platform knows is a minor with readily accessible and easy-to-use options to:
14	(1) Delete the minor's account and any personal data collected
15	from or shared by the minor on the covered platform; or
16	(2) Limit the amount of time spent by the minor on the covered
17	platform.
18	(c) A covered platform shall provide that, in the case of a user that
19	the platform knows is a minor, the default setting for any safeguard
20	described under subsection (a) of this section shall be the option available
21	on the platform that provides the most protective level of control that is
22	offered by the platform over privacy and safety for that user.
23	(d)(l) A covered platform shall provide readily accessible and easy-
24	to-use settings for a parent to support an individual that the covered
25	platform knows is a minor with respect to the individual's use of the covered
26	<u>platform.</u>
27	(2) The parental tools provided by a covered platform shall
28	include:
29	(A) The ability to manage a minor's privacy and account
30	settings, including without limitation the safeguards and options established
31	under subsections (a) and (b) of this section, in a manner that allows a
32	parent to:
33	(i) View the privacy and account settings; and
34	(ii) In the case of a user that the covered platform
35	knows is a child, change and control the privacy and account settings; and
36	(B) The ability to:

1	(i) Restrict purchases and financial transactions by
2	the minor; and
3	(ii) View metrics of total time spent on the
4	platform and restrict time spent on the covered platform by the minor.
5	(3) A covered platform shall provide clear and conspicuous
6	notice to an individual that the platform knows is a minor when the tools
7	under subdivisions (1)—(3) of this subsection (d) are in use and what
8	settings or controls have been applied.
9	(4) If a covered platform knows a user is a child, the covered
10	platform shall ensure that the tools described under subdivisions (1)–(3) of
11	this subsection (d) are enabled by default.
12	(e)(1) A covered platform shall provide:
13	(A) A readily accessible and easy-to-use means to submit
14	reports to the covered platform of harms to a minor;
15	(B) An electronic point of contact specific to matters
16	involving harms to a minor; and
17	(C) Confirmation of the covered platform's receipt of such
18	a report and a means to track a submitted report through the covered
19	platform.
20	(2)(A) A covered platform shall establish an internal process to
21	receive and substantively respond to such reports in a reasonable and timely
22	manner, but in no case later than:
23	(i) Ten (10) days after receipt of a report, if for
24	the most recent calendar year, the covered platform averaged more than ten
25	million (10,000,000) active users on a monthly basis in the United States; or
26	(ii) Twenty-one (21) days after receipt of a report,
27	if for the most recent calendar year, the covered platform averaged fewer
28	than ten million (10,000,000) active users on a monthly basis in the United
29	<u>States.</u>
30	(B) However, if the report under this subsection (e)
31	involves an imminent threat to the safety of a minor, a covered platform
32	shall address as promptly as possible the reported threat to safety.
33	(f) If a covered platform knows an individual is a minor, the covered
34	platform shall not facilitate advertising to the minor of:
35	(1) Narcotic drugs;
36	(2) Tobacco products;

1	(3) Gambling; or
2	(4) Alcohol.
3	(g) A covered platform shall implement the safeguards and parental
4	controls described under subsections (a)-(d) of this section by providing:
5	(1) Information and control options in a clear and conspicuous
6	manner that:
7	(A) Considers the differing ages, capacities, and
8	developmental needs of the minors most likely to access the covered platform;
9	and
10	(B) Does not encourage a minor or a parent of a minor
11	to weaken or disable safeguards or parental controls;
12	(2) Readily accessible and easy-to-use controls to enable or
13	disable safeguards or parental controls; and
14	(3) Information and control options in the same language, form,
15	and manner as the covered platform provides the product or service used by
16	minors and their parents.
17	(h) It is unlawful and a violation of the Deceptive Trade Practices
18	Act, § 4-88-101 et seq., for any covered platform to design, modify, or
19	manipulate a user interface of a covered platform with the purpose or
20	substantial effect of subverting or impairing user autonomy, decision-making,
21	or choice regarding safeguards or parental controls required under this
22	section.
23	(i) Nothing in this section shall be construed to:
24	(1) Prevent a covered platform from taking reasonable measures
25	<u>to:</u>
26	(A) Block, detect, or prevent the distribution of
27	unlawful, obscene, or other harms to minors as described in § 4-88-1503; or
28	(B) Block or filter spam, prevent criminal activity, or
29	protect the security of a covered platform;
30	(2) Require the disclosure of a minor's browsing behavior,
31	search history, messages, contact list, or other content or metadata of his
32	or her communications;
33	(3) Prevent a covered platform from using a personalized
34	recommendation system to display content to a minor if the personalized
35	recommendation system only uses information on:
36	(A) The language spoken by the minor;

1	(B) The city the minor is located in; or
2	(C) The minor's age; or
3	(4) Prohibit a covered platform from integrating its products or
4	service with controls from third-party systems, including without limitation
5	operating systems or gaming consoles, to meet the requirements imposed under
6	subsections (a)-(d) of this section regarding safeguards for minors and tools
7	for parents, provided that:
8	(A) The controls meet the requirements under subsections
9	(a)-(d) of this section; and
10	(B) The minor or parent is provided with reasonable notice
11	under the circumstances of the integration and use of the controls.
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13	<u>4-88-1505. Disclosure — Notice — Personalized recommendation system —</u>
14	Advertising and marketing information and labels - Resources.
15	(a)(l) Before registration or purchase of a covered platform by an
16	individual that the platform knows is a minor, the covered platform shall
17	provide clear, conspicuous, and easy-to-understand:
18	(A) Notice of the policies and practices of the covered
19	platform regarding personal data and safeguards for minors;
20	(B) Information about how to access the safeguards and
21	parental tools required under § 4-88-1504; and
22	(C) Notice regarding whether the covered platform uses or
23	makes available to minors a product, service, or feature, including without
24	limitation a personalized recommendation system, that poses any heightened
25	risk of harm to minors.
26	(2)(A) In the case of an individual that a covered platform
27	knows is a child, the platform shall provide information about the parental
28	tools and safeguards required under § 4-88-1504 to a parent of the child and
29	obtain verifiable parental consent from the parent before the initial use of
30	the covered platform by the child.
31	(B) A covered platform is deemed to have satisfied the
32	requirement described in subdivision (a)(2)(A) if the covered platform uses
33	reasonable efforts taking into consideration available technology to provide
34	a parent with the information described in subdivision (a)(2)(A) of this
35	section and to obtain verifiable parental consent under § 4-88-1504.
36	(C) If the covered platform is not required to obtain

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1	verifiable parental consent under § 4-88-1504, the covered platform shall
2	provide information about the parental tools and safeguards required under §
3	$\underline{4-88-1504}$ to a parent of a user that the platform knows is a child and obtain
4	parental consent from the parent before the initial use of the covered
5	platform by the child.
6	(b) A covered platform that operates a personalized recommendation
7	system shall, in a clear, conspicuous, and easy-to-understand manner, set out
8	in its terms and conditions of use:
9	(1) An overview of how the personalized recommendation system is
10	used by the covered platform to provide information to the users of the
11	platform who are minors, including without limitation how the personalized
12	recommendation system uses the personal data of minors; and
13	(2) Information about options for a minor or his or her parent
14	to opt out of or control the personalized recommendation system.
15	(c) A covered platform that facilitates advertising aimed at a user
16	that the covered platform knows is a minor shall provide clear, conspicuous,
17	and easy-to-understand information and labels to the minor on advertisements
18	regarding:
19	(1) The name of the product, service, or brand and the subject
20	<u>matter of an advertisement;</u>
21	(2) If the covered platform engages in individual-specific
22	advertising to minors, why a particular advertisement is directed to a
23	specific minor, including without limitation material information about how
24	the minor's personal data is used to direct the advertisement to the minor;
25	and
26	(3) Whether particular media displayed to the minor is an
27	advertisement or marketing material, including without limitation disclosure
28	of endorsements of products, services, or brands made for commercial
29	consideration by other users of the covered platform.
30	(d) A covered platform shall provide to a minor and his or her parent
31	clear, conspicuous, easy-to-understand, and comprehensive information in a
32	prominent location regarding:
33	(1) The covered platform's policies and practices regarding
34	collection and retention of personal data and safeguards in place to protect
35	minors; and
36	(2) How to access the safeguards and tools required under § 4-

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1	<u>88-1504.</u>
2	(e) A covered platform shall ensure, to the extent practicable, that
3	the disclosures required by this section are made available in the same
4	language, form, and manner as the covered platform provides any product or
5	service used by a minor and his or her parent.
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7	4-88-1506. Enforcement.
8	(a) In an enforcement action brought under this subchapter, the
9	Attorney General shall allege a violation of a provision of this subchapter.
10	(b)(1) A violation of this subchapter is:
11	(A) An unfair and deceptive act or practice under the
12	Deceptive Trade Practices Act, § 4-88-101 et seq.; and
13	(B) Punishable solely by action of the Attorney General.
14	(2) All remedies, penalties, and authority granted to the
15	Attorney General under the Deceptive Trade Practices Act, § 4-88-101 et seq.,
16	shall be available to the Attorney General for the enforcement of this
17	subchapter.
18	(3) The remedies and penalties for violations under this
19	subchapter are cumulative and in addition to other procedures or remedies for
20	violations or conduct under other law.
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22	<u>4-88-1507. Kids Online Safety Council.</u>
23	(a) There is created within the Department of Commerce a council to be
24	known as the "Kids Online Safety Council".
25	(b) The council shall consist of nine (9) members appointed by the
26	Secretary of Commerce and include diverse participation from:
27	(1) Academic experts, health professionals, and members of civil
28	society with expertise in mental health, substance use disorders, and the
29	prevention of harms to minors;
30	(2) Representatives in academia and civil society with specific
31	expertise in privacy and civil liberties;
32	(3) Parents and youth representation;
33	(4) Representatives of covered platforms;
34	(5) Representatives of the State Securities Department, the
35	Department of Corrections, the Department of Health, and the Department of
36	Human Services;

1	(6) Educators; and
2	(7) Representatives of communities of socially disadvantaged
3	individuals as defined in the Small Business Act, 15 U.S.C. § 631 et seq., as
4	it existed on January 1, 2025.
5	(c) The council shall:
6	(1) Identify emerging or current risks of harms to minors
7	associated with online platforms;
8	(2) Recommend measures and methods for assessing, preventing,
9	and mitigating harms to minors online;
10	(3) Recommend methods and themes for conducting research
11	regarding online harms to minors, including in English and languages other
12	than English; and
13	(4) Recommend best practices and clear, consensus-based
14	technical standards for transparency reports and audits, as required under
15	this subchapter, including methods, criteria, and scope to promote overall
16	accountability.
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18	4-88-1508. Filter bubble transparency requirements.
19	(a) As used in this section:
20	(1) "Algorithmic ranking system" means a computational process,
21	including without limitation a computational process derived from algorithmic
22	decision-making, machine learning, statistical analysis, or other data
23	processing or artificial intelligence techniques, used to determine the
24	selection, order, relative prioritization, or relative prominence of content
25	from a set of information that is provided to a user on a covered platform,
26	including without limitation the:
27	(A) Ranking of search results;
28	(B) Provision of content recommendations;
29	(C) Display of social media posts; or
30	(D) Any other method of automated content selection;
31	(2) "Downstream provider" means, with respect to a search
32	syndication contract, the person that receives access to an index of web
33	pages on the internet from an upstream provider under such contract;
34	(3)(A) "Input-transparent algorithm" means an algorithmic
35	ranking system that does not use the user-specific data of a user to
36	determine the selection, order, relative prioritization, or relative

1	prominence of information that is furnished to such user on a covered
2	platform, unless the user-specific data is expressly provided to the covered
3	platform by the user for that purpose.
4	(B) For purposes of subsection (3)(A) of this section,
5	user-specific data that is provided by a user for the express purpose of
6	determining the selection, order, relative prioritization, or relative
7	prominence of information that is furnished to such user on a covered
8	platform:
9	(i) Shall include user-supplied search terms,
10	filters, speech patterns, if provided for the purpose of enabling the
11	platform to accept spoken input or selecting the language in which the user
12	interacts with the platform, saved preferences, and the current precise
13	geolocation information that is supplied by the user;
14	(ii) Shall include the user's current approximate
15	geolocation information;
16	(iii) Shall include data affirmatively supplied to
17	the covered platform by the user that expresses the user's desire to receive
18	particular information, such as the social media profiles the user follows,
19	the video channels the user subscribes to, or other content or sources of
20	content on the platform the user has selected;
21	(iv) Shall not include the history of the user's
22	connected device, including the user's history of web searches and browsing,
23	previous geographical locations, physical activity, device interaction, and
24	financial transactions; and
25	(v) Shall not include inferences about the user or
26	the user's connected device, without regard to whether such inferences are
27	based on data described in subdivision (4)(B)(i) or (4)(B)(iii) of this
28	section;
29	(4)(A) "Opaque algorithm" means an algorithmic ranking system
30	that determines the selection, order, relative prioritization, or relative
31	prominence of information that is furnished to the user on a covered internet
32	platform based, in whole or part, on user-specific data that was not
33	expressly provided by the user to the platform for such purpose.
34	(B) "Opaque algorithm" does not include an algorithmic
35	ranking system used by a covered platform if:
36	(i) The only user-specific data, including without

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1	limitation inferences about the user, that algorithmic ranking system uses is
2	information relating to the age of the user; and
3	(ii) The information is only used to restrict a
4	user's access to content on the basis that the individual is a minor.
5	(C) As used in this subdivision (4), "covered platform" or
6	"covered internet platform" does not include an interactive gaming platform
7	that complies with the requirements of the Children's Online Privacy
8	Protection Act, 15 U.S.C. § 6501, and the regulations, rules, guidance and
9	exemptions under that act, as it existed on January 1, 2025;
10	(5) "Search syndication contract" means a contract or
11	subcontract for the sale of, license of, or other right to access an index of
12	web pages or search results on the internet for the purpose of operating an
13	internet search engine;
14	(6) "Upstream provider" means, with respect to a search
15	syndication contract, the person that grants access to an index of web pages
16	or search results on the internet to a downstream provider under the
17	contract; and
18	(7) "User-specific data" means information relating to an
19	individual or a specific connected device that would not necessarily be true
20	of every individual or device.
21	(b)(1) Beginning on the date that is one (1) year after the date of
22	enactment of this subchapter, it shall be unlawful:
23	(A) For any person to operate a covered platform that uses
24	an opaque algorithm unless the person complies with the requirements of
25	subdivision (b)(2) of this section; or
26	(B) For any upstream provider to grant access to an index
27	of web pages on the internet under a search syndication contract that does
28	not comply with the requirements of subdivision (b)(3) of this section.
29	(2)(A) A covered platform operating an opaque algorithm shall:
30	(i) Provide notice to users of the platform:
31	(a) That the covered platform uses an opaque
32	algorithm that uses user-specific data to select the content the user sees,
33	with such notice presented in a clear, conspicuous manner on the covered
34	platform whenever the user interacts with an opaque algorithm for the first
35	time that can be dismissed by the user; and
36	(b) In the terms and conditions of the covered

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1	platform, in a clear, accessible, and easily comprehensible manner to be
2	updated no less frequently than once every six (6) months:
3	(1) The most important features, inputs,
4	and parameters used by the algorithm;
5	(2) How any user-specific data used by
6	the algorithm is collected or inferred about a user of the covered platform,
7	and the categories of such data;
8	(3) Any options that the covered
9	internet platform makes available for a user of the platform to opt out or
10	exercise options under subsection (b)(2)(A)(ii) of this section, modify the
11	profile of the user, or influence the features, inputs, or parameters used by
12	the algorithm; and
13	(4) Any quantities, such as time spent
14	using a product or specific measures of engagement or social interaction,
15	that the algorithm is designed to optimize, as well as a general description
16	of the relative importance of each quantity for such ranking; and
17	(ii) Make available a version of the platform that
18	uses an input-transparent algorithm and enables users to easily switch
19	between the version of the platform that uses an opaque algorithm and the
20	version of the platform that uses the input-transparent algorithm.
21	(B) Subdivision (b)(2)(A) of this section shall not apply
22	with respect to an internet search engine if:
23	(i) The search engine is operated by a downstream
24	provider with fewer than one thousand (1,000) employees; and
25	(ii) The search engine uses an index of web pages on
26	the internet to which such provider received access under a search
27	syndication contract.
28	(3) An upstream provider engaged in a search syndication
29	contract shall:
30	(A) Make the upstream provider makes available to the
31	downstream provider the same input-transparent algorithm used by the upstream
32	provider for purposes of complying with subdivision (b)(2)(A)(ii) of this
33	section; and
34	(B) Not impose any additional costs, degraded quality,
35	reduced speed, or other constraint on the functioning of the algorithm when
36	used by the downstream provider to operate an internet search engine relative

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1	to the performance of the algorithm when used by the upstream provider to
2	operate an internet search engine.
3	(4) A covered platform shall not deny, charge different prices
4	or rates for, or condition the provision of a service or product to an
5	individual based on the individual's election to use a version of the
6	platform that uses an input-transparent algorithm as provided under
7	subdivision (b)(2)(A)(ii) of this section.
8	(c) A violation of this section by an operator of a covered platform
9	shall be treated as an unfair or deceptive act or practice under the
10	Deceptive Trade Practices Act, § 4-88-101 et seq.
11	(d) Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit or prohibit a
12	covered platform's ability to, at the direction of an individual user or
13	group of users, restrict another user from searching for, finding, accessing,
14	or interacting with such user's or group's account, content, data, or online
15	community.
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17	4-88-1509. Construction.
18	(a) For purposes of enforcing this subchapter, in making a
19	determination as to whether a covered platform has knowledge fairly implied
20	on the basis of objective circumstances that a user is a minor, the Attorney
21	General shall rely on competent and reliable empirical evidence, taking into
22	account the totality of the circumstances, including without limitation
23	consideration of whether the operator, using available technology, exercised
24	reasonable care.
25	(b) Nothing in this subchapter shall be construed to require:
26	(1) The affirmative collection of any personal data with respect
27	to the age of users that a covered platform is not already collecting in the
28	normal course of business; or
29	(2) A covered platform to implement an age gating or age
30	verification functionality.
31	(c) Nothing in this subchapter shall be construed to restrict a
32	covered platform's ability to:
33	(1) Cooperate with law enforcement agencies regarding activity
34	that the covered platform reasonably and in good faith believes may violate
35	federal law, state law, or local regulations;
36	(2) Comply with a civil, criminal, or regulatory inquiry or any

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1	investigation, subpoena, or summons by federal, state, local, or other
2	government authorities; or
3	(3) Investigate, establish, exercise, respond to, or defend
4	against legal claims.
5	(d) A video streaming service is in compliance with this subchapter
6	<u>if:</u>
7	(1) It predominantly consists of news, sports, entertainment, or
8	other video programming content that is preselected by the provider and not
9	user-generated;
10	(2) Any chat, comment, or interactive functionality that the
11	video streaming service provides is incidental to, directly related to, or
12	dependent on provision of that content; and
13	(3) If the video streaming service requires account owner
14	registration and is not predominantly news or sports, the service includes
15	the capability:
16	(A) To limit a minor's access to the service, including
17	without limitation utilizing a system of age-rating;
18	(B) To limit the automatic playing of on-demand content
19	selected by a personalized recommendation system for an individual that the
20	<u>service knows is a minor;</u>
21	(C) To provide an individual that the service knows is a
22	minor with readily accessible and easy-to-use options to delete an account
23	held by the minor and delete any personal data collected from the minor on
24	the service, or, in the case of a service that allows a parent to create a
25	profile for a minor, to allow a parent to delete the minor's profile, and to
26	delete any personal data collected from the minor on the service;
27	(D) For a parent to manage a minor's privacy and account
28	settings, and restrict purchases and financial transactions by a minor;
29	(E) To provide an electronic point of contact specific to
30	matters described in subdivision (e)(3) of this section;
31	(F) To offer a clear, conspicuous, and easy-to-understand
32	notice of the covered platform's policies and practices with respect to
33	personal data and the capabilities described in this subdivision (e)(3) of
34	this section; and
35	(G) When providing on-demand content, to employ measures
36	that safeguard against serving advertising for narcotic drugs, tobacco

1	products, gambling, or alcohol directly to the account or profile of an
2	individual that the service knows is a minor.
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4	SECTION 2. DO NOT CODIFY. <u>EFFECTIVE DATE.</u>
5	This act is effective on and after July 1, 2026.
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