

Session 126 - (2025-2026)

S 0268 General Bill, By Bennett, Leber and Kennedy

Summary: Children and Social Media

A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 80 TO TITLE 39 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A COVERED ONLINE SERVICE SHALL TAKE CARE IN THE USE OF A MINOR'S PERSONAL DATA AND IN THE DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SERVICE TO PREVENT HARM TO MINORS, TO PROVIDE THAT THE ONLINE SERVICE MUST PROVIDE MINORS WITH EASILY ACCESSIBLE TOOLS TO LIMIT TIME SPENT ON THE SERVICE AND PROTECT PERSONAL DATA, TO PROVIDE LIMITS ON HOW MUCH OF A MINOR'S DATA THE SERVICE MAY COLLECT AND RESTRICT THE USE OF SUCH DATA, TO PROVIDE THAT ONLINE SERVICES MUST OFFER PARENTS TOOLS TO HELP THEM PROTECT MINORS USING THE SERVICE AND TO ENABLE THEM TO REPORT HARMS TO MINORS ON ONLINE SERVICES, TO PROVIDE THAT ONLINE SERVICES MUST ISSUE A PUBLIC REPORT ON THE SERVICE'S PRACTICES PERTAINING TO MINORS, AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS.

01/28/25 Senate Introduced and read first time (Senate Journal-page 7)

01/28/25 Senate Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry (Senate Journal-page 7)

04/24/25 Senate Committee report: Favorable with amendment Labor, Commerce and Industry (Senate Journal-page 10)

04/30/25 Senate Committee Amendment Adopted (Senate Journal-page 38)

04/30/25 Senate Read second time (Senate Journal-page 38)

04/30/25 Senate Roll call Ayes-43 Nays-0 (Senate Journal-page 38)

05/01/25 Scrivener's error corrected

05/01/25 Senate Read third time and sent to House (Senate Journal-page 20)

05/01/25 House Introduced and read first time (House Journal-page 197)

05/01/25 House Referred to Committee on Judiciary (House Journal-page 197)