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AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2025 REGULAR SESSION

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SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION

{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}

Date Prepared: January 16, 2025 *Check all that apply:*
Bill Number: 44 Original Correction
 Amendment Substitute

Sponsor: John Block **Agency Name and Code Number:** Administrative Office of the District Attorneys 264
Short Title: Protection of Minors from Distribution of Harmful **Person Writing:** Troy Davis
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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

| Appropriation | | Recurring or Nonrecurring | Fund Affected |
|---------------|------|---------------------------|---------------|
| FY25 | FY26 | | |
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(Parenthesis () indicate expenditure decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

| Estimated Revenue | | | Recurring or Nonrecurring | Fund Affected |
|-------------------|------|------|---------------------------|---------------|
| FY25 | FY26 | FY27 | | |
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(Parenthesis () indicate revenue decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

| | FY25 | FY26 | FY27 | 3 Year Total Cost | Recurring or Nonrecurring | Fund Affected |
|--------------|------|------|------|-------------------|---------------------------|---------------|
| Total | | | | | | |

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to:
Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

BILL SUMMARY

Synopsis:

House Bill 44 provide a civil course of act against corporations who distribute material harmful to minors without an age verification system to prevent minors from access the harmful material. This statute would be under 57-12-1 of Unfair Trade practices section. The bill is main intent is to regulate websites and social media content.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Minimal fiscal impact on judiciary.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES-

There is a lack of federal regulations in this area of websites and social media. This bill seeking a State remedy for the lack of federal regulation. There could be question of jurisdiction at future date if there are federal regulations imposed.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

There will be no consequence for corporation distributing “harmful material” to minors through websites or social media.