



Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act: None

### **SECTION III: NARRATIVE**

#### **BILL SUMMARY**

Act may be cited as the “Protection of Minors from Distribution of Harmful Material Act.” The Bill requires commercial entities to use reasonable age verification methods before allowing access to a website on which more than one-third of content is harmful to minors; imposes civil liability for damages and other costs for failing to perform age verification, for resulting damage, or for retaining identifying information on individuals after performing the verification. Creates a private right of action in district court for appropriate relief, including damages and attorney fees. Exempts news and other public-interest reporting and cloud service providers that are not responsible for the creation of harmful content. Includes definitions used in the Protection of Minors from Distribution of Harmful Material Act.

#### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

None to DPS.

#### **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

None to DPS.

#### **PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

None to DPS.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

None to DPS.

#### **CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP**

None to DPS.

#### **TECHNICAL ISSUES**

None to DPS.

#### **OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

None to DPS.

#### **ALTERNATIVES**

None to DPS.

#### **WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL**

None to DPS.

#### **AMENDMENTS**

None to DPS.