

1-1 By: Hughes, Hall S.B. No. 2881
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 14, 2025; April 7, 2025, read
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs;
1-4 April 15, 2025, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 9,
1-5 Nays 0; April 15, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-8	Hughes	X		
1-9	Paxton	X		
1-10	Bettencourt	X		
1-11	Birdwell		X	
1-12	Hall	X		
1-13	Hinojosa of Nueces	X		
1-14	Middleton	X		
1-15	Parker	X		
1-16	Perry	X		
1-17	Schwertner		X	
1-18	Zaffirini	X		

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to the access and communications settings for accounts of
1-22 minor users of digital services.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 509, Business & Commerce
1-25 Code, as added by Chapter 795 (H.B. 18), Acts of the 88th
1-26 Legislature, Regular Session, 2023, is amended by adding Section
1-27 509.0525 to read as follows:

1-28 Sec. 509.0525. ACCESS AND COMMUNICATIONS SETTINGS FOR
1-29 ACCOUNTS OF KNOWN MINORS. (a) A digital service provider shall
1-30 create access and communications controls for user accounts of
1-31 known minor users of the digital service in accordance with this
1-32 section.

1-33 (b) The initial default settings for the account of a known
1-34 minor user of a digital service must be set to:

1-35 (1) limit the amount of time spent using the service to
1-36 one hour each day;

1-37 (2) prohibit unsolicited messages or communications
1-38 from unknown users;

1-39 (3) prohibit any comments, likes, or reactions to
1-40 content posted by a known minor user;

1-41 (4) prohibit the public display of a known minor user's
1-42 list of friends, contacts, or followers; and

1-43 (5) prohibit the use of algorithms to automate the
1-44 suggestion, promotion, or ranking of information or content on the
1-45 digital service.

1-46 (c) A verified parent of a known minor may use parental
1-47 tools created under Section 509.054 to change the access and
1-48 communications settings on the minor's user account at any time.

1-49 SECTION 2. Section 509.054(b), Business & Commerce Code, as
1-50 added by Chapter 795 (H.B. 18), Acts of the 88th Legislature,
1-51 Regular Session, 2023, is amended to read as follows:

1-52 (b) Parental tools under this section must allow a verified
1-53 parent to:

1-54 (1) control the known minor's privacy and account
1-55 settings, including changing the default access and communications
1-56 settings on the account under Section 509.0525;

1-57 (2) alter the duties of a digital service provider
1-58 under Section 509.052 with regard to the verified parent's known
1-59 minor;

1-60 (3) if the verified parent alters the duty of a digital
1-61 service provider under Section 509.052(2)(A), restrict the ability

of the verified parent's known minor to make purchases or engage in financial transactions; and

(4) monitor and limit the amount of time the verified parent's known minor spends using the digital service.

SECTION 3. Section 509.056, Business & Commerce Code, as added by Chapter 795 (H.B. 18), Acts of the 88th Legislature, Regular Session, 2023, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 509.056. USE OF ALGORITHMS. Except where the use of algorithms is prohibited under Section 509.0525, a [A] digital service provider that uses algorithms to automate the suggestion, promotion, or ranking of information to known minors on the digital service shall:

(1) make a commercially reasonable effort to ensure that the algorithm does not interfere with the digital service provider's duties under Section 509.053; and

(2) disclose in the digital service provider's terms of service, privacy policy, or similar document, in a clear and accessible manner, an overview of:

(A) the manner in which the digital service uses algorithms to provide information or content;

(B) the manner in which algorithms promote, rank, or filter information or content; and

(C) the personal identifying information used as inputs to provide information or content.

SECTION 4. (a) Except as provided by Subsection (b) of this section, Section 509.0525, Business & Commerce Code, as added by this Act, applies to accounts created on digital services on or after the effective date of this Act.

(b) Digital service providers shall ensure accounts created on digital services before the effective date of this Act comply with Section 509.0525, Business & Commerce Code, as added by this Act, not later than January 1, 2026.

SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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