

** REVISION **

SENATE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

COMMITTEE: State Affairs
TIME & DATE: 9:00 AM, Thursday, October 17, 2024
PLACE: E1.028 (Hearing Room)
CHAIR: Senator Bryan Hughes

Social Media & Protecting Children: Study the impact of social media use on children. Review current mechanisms in place to protect minors online. Monitor the implementation of House Bill 18, 88th Legislature, relating to the protection of minors from harmful, deceptive, or unfair trade practices in connection with the use of certain digital services and electronic devices, including the use and transfer of electronic devices to students by a public school. Make policy recommendations to further protect Texas children online.

Responsible Investing: Study the impact of environmental, social, and governance (ESG) factors on our state's public pensions, with a focus on proxy voting services. Make recommendations to ensure our state's pension systems vote and invest in accordance with their fiduciary responsibility to maximize profit. Additionally, monitor the implementation of Senate Bill 13, 87th Legislature, relating to state contracts with and investments in certain companies that boycott energy companies. Specifically, examine how a company is removed from the list of companies that boycott energy companies when the company ceases to boycott energy companies. Report on how frequently the list maintained by the comptroller is updated and make recommendations to ensure an ongoing accurate list.

Beverages with THC: Evaluate Texas laws and regulations concerning THC beverage manufacturing and delivery. Report on the current regulations and safeguards Texas may or may not have in place for drinks with any amount of THC. Recommend legislation to protect Texas consumers.

Public testimony will be limited to 2 minutes per witness. If submitting written testimony, please provide 20 copies to the committee clerk with your name on each copy.

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