

SENATE BILL No. 442

By Committee on Public Health and Welfare

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1 AN ACT concerning mobile communication devices; relating to mobile
2 phone providers; requiring parental notification of application
3 downloads by a minor; requiring the distribution of material concerning
4 the danger of social media applications to parents when a minor's
5 mobile phone is activated.

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7 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

8 Section 1. (a) As used in this section:

9 (1) "Application" means a computer software package or packages
10 that performs a specific function for the user, including, but not limited to,
11 enabling access to social media platforms.

12 (2) "Minor" means any unmarried person under 18 years of age.

13 (3) "Parent" means the parent, guardian, custodian or other person
14 with authority to act on behalf of the minor.

15 (4) "Push notification" means an alert on a parent's wireless
16 communication device that notifies the parent that a minor downloaded an
17 application on the minor's wireless communication device and provides the
18 name of such application.

19 (5) "Social media platform" means an application or website through
20 which users can create and share content.

21 (6) "Wireless communication device" means any wireless electronic
22 communication device that provides for voice or data communication
23 between two or more parties, including, but not limited to, a mobile or
24 cellular telephone, a text messaging device, a personal digital assistant that
25 sends or receives messages, an audio-video player that sends or receives
26 messages or a laptop computer.

27 (7) "Wireless communication device vendor" means any person or
28 entity that is engaged in the sale of a wireless communication device and
29 the provision of wireless services for the use of such device.

30 (b) Upon a parent's purchase and activation of a wireless
31 communication device intended for use by a minor, a wireless
32 communications device vendor shall:

33 (1) Provide a parent with the option to enable a push notification on a
34 parent's wireless communication device that alerts the parent that a minor
35 has downloaded an application on the minor's wireless communication
36 device; and

1 (2) provide the parent and minor with information that explains the
2 dangers of social media to the mental health of minors. To provide
3 consistent and uniform information regarding such dangers, the secretary
4 of health and environment shall create a uniform pamphlet or document
5 that wireless communication device vendors may provide to the parent to
6 comply with this paragraph.

7 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
8 publication in the statute book.