

HB 1998 -- CHILD LABOR

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This bill amends the Child Labor Law. The bill includes definitions for various terms such as "family"; "vlog"; "vlogger"; and "online platform".

As specified in the bill, upon reaching the age of majority, any individual who was a child engaged in the work of vlogging, as described in the bill, may request the permanent deletion of any video segment or content including the likeness, name, or photograph of the individual from any online platform that provided compensation to the individual's parent or parents in exchange for that video content.

A vlogger whose vlog content features a child under 16 years of age engaged in the work of vlogging is required to maintain records as described in the bill and provide the records to the child on an ongoing basis. Failure to maintain the records could result in a civil action brought by the child to enforce the provisions.

The bill specifies that a vlogger who features a minor child in a specified amount of the vlogger's content shared on an online platform must set aside a specified amount of gross earnings on the video content in a trust account to be preserved for the benefit of the minor upon reaching the age of majority.

The bill sets forth the requirements relating to the trust account and authorizes a child to bring a civil action if a vlogger knowingly and recklessly violates the provisions in the bill.