

HCS HB 236 -- LIABILITY FOR MATERIALS HARMFUL TO MINORS ON THE INTERNET (Gallick)

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This bill requires any commercial entity for which it is the regular course of business to publish or distribute in the State a website in which at least 33% of the material published is harmful to minors, as defined in the bill, to verify that any person attempting to access the material is at least 18 years old. Any commercial entity that violates these provisions will be subject to civil liability for damages resulting from a minor's access to the material. The bill prohibits the age-verification provider from retaining any identifying information of the individual after access has been granted or denied to the material, and does not impose an obligation or liability on a provider or user of an interactive computer service on the Internet.

This bill has an emergency clause.

This bill is similar to HB 1993 (2024).