

**BILL SUMMARY**  
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<b>Bill No.:</b>	<b>HB3914</b>
<b>Version:</b>	<b>INT</b>
<b>Request Number:</b>	<b>9159</b>
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<b>Impact:</b>	<b>OAG: \$275,000</b>
	<b>DPS: Unknown</b>

**Research Analysis**

HB 3914, as introduced, places restrictions on social media usage. Social media companies may not allow minors under 16 to use social media and must require parental consent for minors 16 or older. Companies who violate this regulation are subject to a \$2,500 fine per violation plus court costs, attorney fees, and damages. The Attorney General is also authorized to take legal action. Additionally, commercial entities are prohibited from retaining user information once the user is granted access to the social media platform.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

This measure would restrict minors under the age of 16 from accessing certain social media platforms. HB3914 allows the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) to initiate enforcement measures on social media companies found to be in violation of this act. Officials with the OAG anticipate needing to hire an additional attorney and administrative employee to implement the provisions of the bill at a total cost of \$275,000, and would seek additional funding to defray these costs. It is possible that the Department of Public Safety (DPS) would incur costs related to the digital identification verification provisions of this measure, however House staff is awaiting response from DPS officials regarding potential fiscal impact to the agency.

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**Other Considerations**

None.