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Bill Analysis

SB 1949 requires any texting software provider for a device used to send a text message to ensure texts are encrypted. The measure also requires such providers to ensure that the video and sound quality of files sent in such a format do not degrade and that the person who sent the text message receives real-time notification that the recipient of the text message has viewed it and the feature is enabled. The measure also requires a real-time notification to be sent to notifying a person that a person is typing text if the sender of the text message has enabled such a notification function on his or her device. The measure authorizes the Attorney General to bring an action against a texting software provider that has failed to provide these guarantees. The measure assesses a \$10.00 penalty for each violation. Each month and each device affected by a violation constitutes a separate violation.

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