

**BILL SUMMARY**  
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**Research Analysis**

HB 3008 requires any commercial entity that knowingly and intentionally publishes or distributes material harmful to minors on the Internet from a website that contains a substantial portion of such material to be held liable if the entity fails to perform reasonable age verification methods to verify the age of individuals attempting to access the material. Any age verification system cannot retain any identifying information after access has been granted to the material. An entity that fails to provide age verification or retains information after granting access are to be liable for damages, including court costs and reasonable attorney fees. The measure exempts any bona fide news or public interest broadcast, website video, report, or event. No Internet service provider, search engine, or cloud service provider is to be considered in violation of these provisions solely for providing access or connection to or from a website.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

This measure makes commercial entities liable for publishing or distributing material harmful to minors under certain circumstances. In its current form, HB3008 is not anticipated to have an impact on state budget or appropriations.

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**Other Considerations**

None.