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Bill Analysis

SB 1871 directs social media companies to require each individual accessing its social media platforms to create a user account in order to interact with its services. The measure directs the company to freeze all accounts and require users to reregister using a verification system. The company shall be required to verify the age of its users and to classify each user as a minor or adult. The measure authorizes such companies to contract with third parties to implement the verification system. The measure directs such companies to set default settings for minor users that emphasize privacy, restrict the visibility of the minor's account to connected accounts, limit the user's ability to share content to only connected accounts, restrict data collection, disable search engine indexing, restrict the account's ability to direct message to connected accounts, and allow a minor user to download a file with all information associated with his or her account. The company shall also disable autoplay features for such accounts. Such accounts shall be limited to 1 hour of access per day. Social media platforms shall offer the parent or legal guardian of a minor user tools to supervise the minor's usage of the services provided by the platform. The measure authorizes the Attorney General to bring a civil action against any company violating these provisions and establishes a \$2,500.00 penalty for each violation.

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