

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	21-4475/1	Introduction Number	AB-0590	Estimate Type	Original
Description prohibiting state agency employees, state elected officials, federal government agency employees, and certain state individuals holding a national office from influencing social media Internet sites to censor users and providing a penalty					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill prohibits state agency employees and state elected officials, and federally elected officials from influencing or attempting to influence a social media Internet site to censor, deplatform, or shadow ban users on the social media site. The bill also defines "deplatform" and "shadow banning". A forfeiture of between \$1,000 and \$10,000 for performing such an act.

The bill defines "state agency" but does not include the courts in the definition; however, judges and justices of the court system are elected officials and would apply under the bill.

The new provisions of the bill are enforced by the Ethics Commission and therefore there is no fiscal effect on the Courts.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications