

Senate Bill 343

By: Senators Hatchett of the 50th, Strickland of the 42nd and Tillery of the 19th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 39-6-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to age
2 verification of account holders, minors, and information relating to available content
3 censorship or moderation features, so as to prohibit providers of social media platforms from
4 permitting a minor aged 14 years or younger to be an account holder; to provide for an
5 effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
6 purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Code Section 39-6-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to age verification
10 of account holders, minors, and information relating to available content censorship or
11 moderation features, is amended by revising subsection (c) as follows:

12 "(c) No provider of a social media platform shall permit a minor aged 14 years or younger
13 to be an account holder. No provider of a social media platform shall permit a minor older
14 than 14 years of age to be an account holder unless such provider obtains the express
15 consent of such minor's parent or guardian. Acceptable methods of obtaining express
16 consent from a parent or guardian include:

- 17 (1) Providing a form for the minor's parent or guardian to sign and return to the social
18 media platform by common carrier, facsimile, email, or scanning;
- 19 (2) Providing a toll-free telephone number for the minor's parent or guardian to call to
20 consent;
- 21 (3) Coordinating a call with the minor's parent or guardian using videoconferencing
22 technology;
- 23 (4) Collecting information related to the minor's parent's or guardian's government issued
24 identification or financial or payment card information and deleting such information
25 after confirming the identity of the parent or guardian;
- 26 (5) Allowing the minor's parent or guardian to provide consent by responding to an email
27 and taking additional steps to verify the parent's or guardian's identity; and
- 28 (6) Any other commercially reasonable method of obtaining consent using available
29 technology."

30 **SECTION 2.**

31 This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2025.

32 **SECTION 3.**

33 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.