

The Senate Committee on Rules offered the following substitute to SR 431:

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Senate Impact of Social Media and Artificial Intelligence on Children and
2 Platform Privacy Protection Study Committee; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, in the 21st century, children utilize social media through various online
4 platforms as a means to participate in society, access information, enjoy entertainment, and
5 connect with family and friends; and

6 WHEREAS, studies have shown that utilizing social media can have negative impacts on a
7 child's health and self-esteem; and

8 WHEREAS, children undergo rapid and evolving physical, mental, and emotional
9 development, rendering them more susceptible to the allure of peer pressure, novelty, and
10 rewards inherent in online social media usage; and

11 WHEREAS, extensive research shows that online social media platforms are embedded with
12 manipulative design techniques which promote addictive and compulsive use by children in
13 order to increase revenue; and

14 WHEREAS, studies show that utilizing current social media platforms can expose children
15 to significant privacy and safety risks; and

16 WHEREAS, artificial intelligence provides persons the opportunity to engage with greater
17 numbers of children in more targeted ways than ever before; and

18 WHEREAS, children are now exposed to chatbot websites and apps, powered by artificial
19 intelligence, that purport to allow children to interact with characters from popular media
20 while actually engaging those children in obscene conversations; and

21 WHEREAS, existing online protections addressing children are outdated; and

22 WHEREAS, a study is needed to evaluate the impact social media usage and artificial
23 intelligence has on children and to determine how existing online privacy protections may
24 be improved and strengthened to ensure safer access.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:

26 (1) **Creation of Senate study committee.** There is created the Senate Impact of Social
27 Media and Artificial Intelligence on Children and Platform Privacy Protection Study
28 Committee.

29 (2) **Members and officers.** The President of the Senate shall appoint five members of
30 the Senate and shall designate two of such members as cochairpersons of the committee.
31 One such cochairperson shall be a member of the majority party and one such
32 cochairperson shall be a member of the minority party.

33 (3) **Powers and duties.** The committee shall undertake a study of the conditions, needs,
34 issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any action or
35 legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate.

36 (4) **Meetings.** The cochairpersons shall call all meetings of the committee. The
37 committee may conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem
38 necessary or convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform
39 its duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution.

40 (5) **Allowances and funding.**

41 (A) The legislative members of the committee shall receive the allowances provided
42 for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.

43 (B) The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any member
44 of the committee for more than four days unless additional days are authorized. Funds
45 necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from funds
46 appropriated to the Senate.

47 (6) **Report.**

48 (A) In the event the committee adopts any specific findings or recommendations that
49 include suggestions for proposed legislation, the cochairpersons shall file a report of the
50 same prior to the date of abolishment specified in this resolution, subject to
51 subparagraph (C) of this paragraph.

52 (B) In the event the committee adopts a report that does not include suggestions for
53 proposed legislation, the cochairpersons shall file the report, subject to
54 subparagraph (C) of this paragraph.

55 (C) No report shall be filed unless the same has been approved prior to the date of
56 abolishment specified in this resolution by majority vote of a quorum of the committee.
57 A report so approved shall be signed by the cochairpersons of the committee and filed
58 with the Secretary of the Senate.

59 (D) In the absence of an approved report, the cochairpersons may file with the
60 Secretary of the Senate a copy of the minutes of the meetings of the committee in lieu
61 thereof.

62 (7) **Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2025.