

Senate Resolution 431

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**ADOPTED SENATE**

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21 WHEREAS, existing online protections addressing children are outdated; and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