

The Attorney General of California has prepared the following title and summary of the chief purpose and points of the proposed measure:

**CREATES NEW MONETARY PENALTIES FOR INJURIES TO MINORS CAUSED BY CERTAIN SOCIAL MEDIA COMPANIES. INITIATIVE STATUTE.** Under current law, individuals may sue to recover their actual monetary damages for injuries caused by a company's negligence (failure to act with ordinary care). This measure would make social media companies with annual revenues exceeding \$100,000,000 liable for additional monetary penalties for injuries (such as addiction or self-harm) caused by the platform's negligence to persons under 18 years old. Penalties would be either: (1) \$5,000 per violation, up to \$1,000,000 per minor, or (2) three times the minor's actual damages. Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local governments: **Increased state court costs likely in the millions of dollars depending on the type and volume of additional civil cases filed in state courts and how they are resolved. Uncertain impact on state and local tax revenue that would depend primarily on how social media platforms respond to the measure.** (23-0035A1)