

February 19, 2026

The Honorable Carl Turner, Chairperson  
House Committee on Legislative Modernization  
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 218-N  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Turner:

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Note for HB 2657 by House Committee on Legislative Modernization

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2657 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

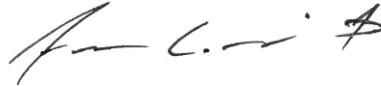
HB 2657 would prohibit social media platforms from permitting a minor to create, maintain, or access an account unless the platform had obtained verified parental consent. Social media platforms would be required to implement age-verification measures as detailed in the bill to determine whether an individual seeking to create or access an account was a minor. If a social media platform determined that an existing account holder was a minor, the bill would require notification to the account holder and suspension of access to the account unless parental consent is provided within a reasonable time. The bill would define “minor” as an individual under 16 years of age. The bill would also include definitions and related details for “social media platform” and “verified parental consent.” Violations of the bill’s provisions would constitute a deceptive act pursuant to the Kansas Consumer Protection Act. The Attorney General would be required to adopt rules and regulations as necessary for administering the provisions of the bill.

According to the Office of the Attorney General, enactment of HB 2657 would increase State General Fund expenditures by \$209,384 in FY 2027 and \$215,666 in FY 2028. Implementation and enforcement of the bill’s provisions would require an additional 2.00 positions within the Public Protection Division. Costs and positions would be ongoing. The agency states one Assistant Attorney General would be necessary to promulgate and maintain rules and regulations, serve as a subject matter expert, provide legal oversight of investigations, and pursue enforcement actions. The salary and benefits for this position would be estimated at \$133,904. An Investigator, with salary and benefits estimated at \$60,839, would also be needed to receive and evaluate complaints, conduct fact-finding, review platform practices, and support enforcement

actions. The agency also estimates that operating costs to include office space, technology, training, and travel would be \$14,641. Costs would be ongoing.

The Office of Judicial Administration states that the bill could increase the number of cases filed in district court because violations are subject to the remedies and enforcement provisions of the Kansas Consumer Protection Act. This would increase the time spent by district court judicial and nonjudicial personnel in processing, researching, and hearing cases. The bill could also increase the collection of docket fees and civil penalties, which would be deposited into the State General Fund. There would not be a fiscal effect on revenues to the Judicial Branch. The Office cannot determine the total fiscal effect of the bill. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2657 is not reflected in *The FY 2027 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam C. Proffitt", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Adam C. Proffitt  
Director of the Budget

cc: Matt Bingesser, Office of the Attorney General  
Trisha Morrow, Judiciary