

Fiscal Note

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Identifier: SB214-LAW-CIV-SLT-3-4-22
Title: LIABILITY: SOCIAL MEDIA CENSORSHIP
Sponsor: REINBOLD
Requester: (S) State Affairs

Department: Department of Law
Appropriation: Civil Division
Allocation: Special Litigation
OMB Component Number: 2213

Expenditures/Revenues

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

(Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2023 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2023 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2023	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Personal Services							
Travel							
Services							
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
Total Operating	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Fund Source (Operating Only)

None							
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Positions

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

Change in Revenues

None							
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2022) cost: 0.0 (separate supplemental appropriation required)

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2023) cost: 0.0 (separate capital appropriation required)

Does the bill create or modify a new fund or account? No
(Supplemental/Capital/New Fund - discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency? No
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version/comments:

Not applicable, initial version.

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Analysis

This bill would establish a private right of action for individuals to seek civil damages against any social media company that intentionally fact checks, deletes, or uses an algorithm to disfavor, shadow ban, or otherwise censor the religious or political speech of a platform user. The bill also requires social media companies to prevent bullying or harassing behavior on the company's platform. While the bill contains a provision that the Attorney General may exercise discretion in deciding whether or not to bring a civil action against a social media platform for a violation of the provisions of the bill, the Department of Law anticipates that there would be no fiscal impact to the department from this bill should it pass.