

January 27, 2026

The Honorable Kellie Warren, Chairperson  
Senate Committee on Judiciary  
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 346-S  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Warren:

**SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 372 by Senate Committee on Judiciary**

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 372 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 372 would create the App Store Accountability Act. When an individual in Kansas creates an account with an app store provider, the provider would be required to request age category information and verify the age category. If the account was created prior to July 1, 2026, the provider would be required to request and verify the age category by December 31, 2026. If the account was created by a minor, the provider would require the account to be affiliated with a parent account and obtain verifiable parental consent before allowing a minor to download, purchase, or make an in-app purchase. When a significant change is made to an app, the provider would notify the account holder and if the account holder is a minor the provider would also notify the affiliated parent account and obtain verifiable consent before providing renewed access. An app store provider would also be required to have a way for the holder of a parent account to withdraw parental consent. The bill provides other requirements of an app store provider.

A developer would be required to request an app store provider to verify the age category data of an account holder located in Kansas and if parental constant is obtained for a minor account when an app is downloaded, purchased, or pre-installed application is launched for the first time. A developer would also be required to comply with applicable laws, notify a provider of significant changes to an app, and other items as directed in the bill.

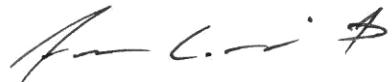
No later than October 1, 2026, the Attorney General would be required to adopt rules and regulations to establish age verification methods that app store providers could use to verify an account holder's age. A minor or parent of a minor who has been harmed by a violation of this Act could bring civil action against an app store provider or a developer. The person bringing the action could seek the greater of actual damages or \$1,000 for each violation, punitive damages if the violation is egregious, and reasonable attorney fees. The Attorney General could investigate the alleged violations and may bring action for injunctive relief to enjoin any continuing violation and also seek to impose a civil penalty of not less than \$7,500 for each violation and reasonable attorney fees. The bill details when a developer would not be liable. The bill would be severable.

Estimated State Fiscal Effect			
	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Expenditures			
State General Fund	--	\$146,017	\$150,398
Fee Fund(s)	--	--	--
Federal Fund	--	--	--
Total Expenditures	--	\$146,017	\$150,398
Revenues			
State General Fund	--	--	--
Fee Fund(s)	--	--	--
Federal Fund	--	--	--
Total Revenues	--	--	--
FTE Positions	--	1.00	1.00

The Office of the Attorney General states that it would require 1.00 Assistant Attorney General position within the Public Protection Division to implement and enforce the provisions of the Act. The position would be responsible for drafting, implementing, and maintaining the rules and regulations required by the bill; managing investigations and any enforcement actions brought under the Kansas Consumer Protection Act; and serving as the agency's subject matter expert on age verification requirements and app store provider compliance. The agency estimates the salary, benefits, and associated expenses would cost \$146,017 in FY 2027 and \$150,398 in FY 2028 from the State General Fund. The agency's FY 2028 estimate includes a 3.0 percent increase in expenses. The Office also indicates that there could be civil penalties recovered and deposited into its fee funds; however, the agency cannot estimate an exact amount.

The Office of Judicial Administration states that the bill could increase the number of cases filed in district courts because it creates a civil cause of action. This would increase the time spent by district court judicial and nonjudicial personnel in processing, researching, and hearing cases. Passage of the bill would not have a fiscal effect on agency revenues, but the bill could result in the collection of docket fees that would be deposited into the State General Fund. However, the Office cannot estimate a precise fiscal effect for expenditures or revenues. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 372 is not reflected in *The FY 2027 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



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Director of the Budget

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