

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 1218 - HB 1253

February 23, 2021

SUMMARY OF BILL: Prohibits any state agency from using a social media platform to communicate to or receive information from the public if such platform engages in the censorship of the free speech of a person or group of persons, the basis for which is rooted in political ideology, viewpoint discrimination, or personal animus.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- No state agency relies solely on a single social media platform to complete the main duties with which it is tasked.
- It is unknown how state government, in general, would use the language provided in this legislation to determine if a particular social media platform has, in fact, violated any such prohibition; however, it is estimated that the number of instances in which any social media platform is found to be in violation of this legislation will be minimal.
- Prohibiting a state agency from using a social media platform from communicating with the public will have no significant, direct impact on state government.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bojan Savic".

Bojan Savic, Interim Executive Director

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