

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 687

To require the Federal Trade Commission to conduct a study regarding social media use by teenagers.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 7, 2023

Mr. SCOTT of Florida introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

A BILL

To require the Federal Trade Commission to conduct a study regarding social media use by teenagers.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Safe Social Media
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. REPORT BY THE FTC ON SOCIAL MEDIA USE BY**
7 **TEENAGERS.**

8 The Federal Trade Commission, in coordination with
9 the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Pre-
10 vention, shall—

1 (1) conduct a study on social media platform
2 use among individuals younger than age 18, includ-
3 ing—

4 (A) what personal information is collected
5 by social media platforms regarding such indi-
6 viduals;

7 (B) how such personal information is used
8 by the algorithms of the social media platforms;

9 (C) how often such individuals use social
10 media platforms daily;

11 (D) differences in use of social media plat-
12 forms related to the age ranges of such individ-
13 uals;

14 (E) mental health effects on such individ-
15 uals linked to the use of social media platforms;
16 and

17 (F) potential harmful effects on such indi-
18 viduals from extended social media platform
19 use; and

20 (2) not later than 1 year after the date of en-
21 actment of this Act, submit to Congress a report on
22 the findings of the study under paragraph (1), in-
23 cluding any recommended policy changes based on
24 such findings.

1 **SEC. 3. DEFINITION OF SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORM.**

2 In this Act, the term “social media platform” means
3 a public-facing website, internet application, or mobile
4 internet application, including a social network, video
5 sharing service, ad network, mobile operating system,
6 search engine, email service, or internet access service,
7 that has not less than 30,000,000 active monthly users
8 in the United States.

○