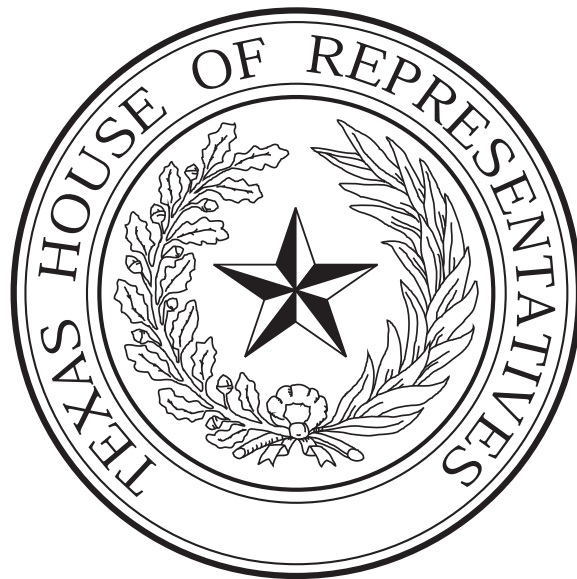


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Protecting Minors on Online Gaming Platforms: Study the proliferation of inappropriate virtual experiences for minors, including both violent or sexually explicit content and interactive features that enable communication between minors and adult strangers on gaming platforms. The committee shall:

- Identify inherent risks to minors and evaluate the effectiveness of platform safety features, including third-party content moderation, parental controls, content labeling, chat filters, and governance policies, and determine the extent to which platforms prioritize user engagement over safety.
- Examine state laws relating to age verification and parental consent, and consider the applicability of such requirements to gaming platforms.
- Review the relevant case law related to the civil liability of gaming platforms to determine the applicability of First Amendment or federal preemption and immunity protections, including those under Section 230 of the Communications Decency Act.
- Assess the potential civil and criminal liability of third-party content developers for harm to minors and determine platforms' ability or willingness to identify parties producing or promoting inappropriate virtual experiences for minors.
- Make recommendations for legislative and regulatory action to protect minors from exploitation, prevent exposure to inappropriate virtual experiences, and strengthen deterrence and recourse, including proposals for state action to enforce accountability that are unconstrained by federal preemption or immunity defenses.