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Revised Fiscal Note

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Drafting Number: LLS 21-0184
Prime Sponsors: Sen. Donovan

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Bill Status: Senate Second Reading
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Bill Topic: **DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS REGULATION**

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> State Revenue | <input type="checkbox"/> TABOR Refund |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Expenditure | <input type="checkbox"/> Local Government |
| <input type="checkbox"/> State Transfer | <input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Public Entity |

The bill requires the Joint Technology Committee to study whether and how the General Assembly could address, through legislation, consumer protection concerns related to digital communications platforms during the 2021 legislative interim. It will increase state workload in FY 2021-22.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

Fiscal Note Status: The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill, as amended by the State, Veterans, and Military Affairs Committee.

Summary of Legislation

The bill requires the Joint Technology Committee (JTC) to study whether and how the General Assembly could address, through legislation, consumer protection concerns related to digital communications platforms during the 2021 legislative interim. The JTC is required to consult with the Office of Information Technology and the Attorney General's office, and may consult with other agencies or interest persons.

The Joint Technology Committee must submit a written report on its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly by January 1, 2022. If the committee recommends legislation, it is exempt from a member's five-bill limitation. The bill is repealed on September 1, 2022.

State Expenditures

The bill increases workload in the Legislative Department, the Office of Information Technology, and the Office of the Attorney General in FY 2021-22. Legislative Council Staff will work with the Joint Technology Committee to arrange for the meetings required under the bill and perform reporting during the 2021 legislative interim. The Offices of Information Technology and the Attorney General will provide presentations to the committee. No change in appropriations is required for any agency.

Technical Note

The bill's petition clause limits the amount of time the JTC has during the 2021 legislative interim to study the issues under the bill.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect 90 days following adjournment of the General Assembly sine die, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

State and Local Government Contacts

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