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H.B. No. 499

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 499:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a warning label on social media platforms concerning the association between a minor's social media usage and significant mental health issues.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Chapter 161, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Subchapter Z to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER Z. WARNING LABEL ON SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS REGARDING MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES IN MINORS

Sec. 161.801. DEFINITIONS. In this subchapter, "social media platform" and "user" have the meanings assigned by Section 120.001, Business & Commerce Code.

Sec. 161.802. REQUIRED WARNING LABEL REGARDING MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES. (a) A social media platform operating in this state shall display on the platform's landing page each time a user opens the platform a warning label concerning the association between a minor's social media usage and significant mental health issues. The warning label must include:

(1) information on available resources for persons experiencing significant mental health issues, including the phone number or link to the website for the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline; and

(2) a statement concerning the use of an individual's personal data by social media platforms and the addictive nature of

1 social media usage.

2 (b) The social media platform shall ensure the user is
3 unable to operate the platform until the user verifies the user
4 understands the warning.

5 (c) The executive commissioner shall adopt evidence-based
6 rules regarding the form and content of the warning label required
7 by Subsection (a).

8 SECTION 2. (a) Not later than January 1, 2026, the executive
9 commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission shall
10 adopt the rules required by Section 161.802, Health and Safety
11 Code, as added by this Act.

12 (b) A social media platform, as that term is defined by
13 Section 120.001, Business & Commerce Code, is not required to
14 comply with Section 161.802, Health and Safety Code, as added by
15 this Act, before April 1, 2026.

16 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.