

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 87TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

March 7, 2021

TO: Honorable Bryan Hughes, Chair, Senate Committee on State Affairs

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB12 by Hughes (Relating to the censorship of users' expressions by an interactive computer service.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Civil Practice and Remedies Code to prohibit interactive computer services from censoring users of the interactive computer service based on their expressed viewpoints or geographic location. The bill would allow a user who successfully asserts a claim for a violation of the chapter to declaratory relief and injunctive relief. The bill would also authorizes the attorney general to seek declaratory and injunctive relief for violations of the chapter.

According to the Office of the Attorney General any legal work resulting from enactment of the bill could be reasonably absorbed with current resources.

According to the Office of Court Administration, no significant fiscal impact to the state court system is anticipated.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 212 Office of Court Admin, 302 Office of the Attorney General

LBB Staff: JMc, SMat, MW, BH