By:  King S.B. No. 2509

(In the Senate - Filed March 10, 2023; March 23, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs; April 18, 2023, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 3; April 18, 2023, sent to printer.)

COMMITTEE VOTE

               Yea Nay Absent  PNV

Hughes          X

Paxton          X

Bettencourt     X

Birdwell        X

LaMantia            X

Menéndez            X

Middleton       X

Parker                    X

Perry           X

Schwertner      X

Zaffirini           X

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to enforcement of the regulation of social media platforms.

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

SECTION 1.  Subchapter D, Chapter 120, Business & Commerce Code, is amended by adding Sections 120.152 and 120.153 to read as follows:

Sec. 120.152.  ATTORNEY GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE AUTHORITY. If the attorney general has reason to believe that a person has engaged in, is engaging in, or is about to engage in a violation of this chapter, the attorney general may issue a civil investigative demand. The procedures established for the issuance of a civil investigative demand under Section 15.10 apply to the same extent and manner to the issuance of a civil investigative demand under this section. The attorney general may seek an order from the district court compelling compliance with a civil investigative demand issued under this section.

Sec. 120.153.  DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICE. A violation of this chapter is a false, misleading, or deceptive act or practice under Subchapter E, Chapter 17, and is actionable under that subchapter.

SECTION 2.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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