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H.B. No. 4397

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.