



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 220***

LCO No. 1629



Referred to Committee on COMMERCE

Introduced by:  
(CE)

***AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY  
ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY IN SOCIAL MEDIA  
COMPANIES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force  
2 to study accountability and transparency in social media. Such study  
3 shall include, but need not be limited to, an examination of methods to  
4 increase transparency, limit invasion of privacy and ensure journalistic  
5 accuracy and validation on social media platforms, which shall include,  
6 but need not be limited to, Wikipedia, Twitter, TikTok and other  
7 comparable social media companies.

8 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

9 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;

10 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;

11 (3) Two appointed by the majority leader of the House of  
12 Representatives;

- 13 (4) Two appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;
- 14 (5) Two appointed by the minority leader of the House of  
15 Representatives;
- 16 (6) Two appointed by the minority leader of the Senate; and
- 17 (7) The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development,  
18 or the commissioner's designee.
- 19 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),  
20 (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member  
21 of the General Assembly.
- 22 (d) All initial appointments to the task force shall be made not later  
23 than thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall  
24 be filled by the appointing authority.
- 25 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president pro  
26 tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force from  
27 among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall schedule  
28 the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not later than sixty  
29 days after the effective date of this section.
- 30 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the  
31 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to commerce  
32 shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.
- 33 (g) Not later than January 1, 2023, the task force shall submit a report  
34 on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of  
35 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to  
36 commerce, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the  
37 general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date that it  
38 submits such report or January 1, 2023, whichever is later.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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***Statement of Purpose:***

To establish a task force to study accountability and transparency in social media companies.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*