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Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION
AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:
(GAE)

***AN ACT PROHIBITING THE USE OF A CERTAIN APPLICATION,
SOFTWARE AND PROGRAMS ON STATE GOVERNMENT DEVICES
AND REQUIRING MINIMUM SECURITY STANDARDS AND ANNUAL
AUDITS OF SUCH DEVICES.***

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2023*) (a) As used in this section and
2 section 2 of this act:

3 (1) "Public official" means any state-wide elected officer, member or
4 member-elect of the General Assembly, person appointed to any office
5 of the legislative, judicial or executive branch of state government by the
6 Governor or an appointee of the Governor, with or without the advice
7 and consent of the General Assembly, person appointed or elected by
8 the General Assembly or by any member of either house thereof and
9 judge of any court either elected or appointed, but does not include a
10 member of an advisory board or a senator or representative in Congress;

11 (2) "State employee" means any full or part-time employee in the
12 executive, legislative or judicial branch of state government, whether in

13 the classified or unclassified service; and

14 (3) "State-issued device" means any electronic equipment capable of
15 connecting to the Internet that is owned or leased by the state, including,
16 but not limited to, any cellular phone, computer, laptop, tablet or any
17 other similar technology.

18 (b) On and after October 1, 2023, no public official or state employee
19 shall use any state-issued device to access, upload content to or
20 download the Internet web site or the application TikTok, except a
21 public official or state employee may access TikTok for law enforcement
22 purposes.

23 (c) On and after December 1, 2023, no public official or state employee
24 shall use any computer program, software, application or state-issued
25 device that has been prohibited under the security standards developed
26 pursuant to subsection (b) of section 2 of this act.

27 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2023*) (a) As used in this section,
28 "cybersecurity threat" means any activity intended to result in
29 unauthorized access to, exfiltration of, manipulation of, or impairment
30 to the integrity, confidentiality or availability of the state's information
31 technology system or information stored on, or transiting, the state's
32 information technology system.

33 (b) Not later than September 1, 2023, and not less than quarterly
34 thereafter, the Chief Information Officer and Chief Information Security
35 Officer within the Department of Administrative Services, director of
36 the Office of Information Technology Services and Chief Court
37 Administrator, or their designees, shall communicate regarding any
38 known or potential cybersecurity threats to the state's information
39 technology systems and state state-issued devices and not later than
40 December 1, 2023, shall jointly develop minimum security standards
41 regarding computer programs, software, applications and state-issued
42 devices used by public officials and state employees to counter
43 cybersecurity threats that shall apply to all three branches of state
44 government, with any modifications for an individual branch deemed

45 necessary by said officers, said director and the Chief Court
46 Administrator. As part of such standards, said officers, said director and
47 the Chief Court Administrator may jointly prohibit the use within state
48 government of any computer program, software, application or brand
49 of state-issued device that they deem to violate such standards or
50 otherwise pose a cybersecurity threat. Any such prohibition shall be
51 posted on the Internet websites of all three branches of government and
52 shall be communicated electronically to all state employees and public
53 officials. Such standards shall be revised periodically, as often as
54 deemed necessary by said officers, director and the Chief Court
55 Administration, provided such standards shall be revised not less than
56 annually. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 4-166 of the general
57 statutes, such standards shall not be deemed a regulation for purposes
58 of chapter 54 of the general statutes.

59 (c) Not later than July 1, 2024, and annually thereafter, the Chief
60 Information Officer within the Department of Administrative Services
61 or a designee shall conduct an audit of the state-issued devices and
62 computer programs, software and applications used on such devices by
63 public officials and state employees within the executive branch to
64 ensure that such devices, programs, software and applications comply
65 with the minimum security standards established under this section.

66 (d) In the case of state-issued devices used by public officials and state
67 employees within the legislative branch, not later than July 1, 2024, and
68 annually thereafter, the director of the Office of Information Technology
69 Services or a designee shall conduct such audit to comply with the
70 minimum security standards established under this section.

71 (e) In the case of state-issued devices used by public officials and state
72 employees within the judicial branch, not later than July 1, 2024, and
73 annually thereafter, the Chief Court Administrator or a designee shall
74 conduct such audit to comply with the minimum security standards
75 established under this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To prohibit the download or use of TikTok or other programs, software or devices determined to be a cyber security threat on state government devices, to require the development of minimum security standards to apply across state government and to require annual audits of such devices to ensure they comply with such minimum security standards.

[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.]