



## 104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2025 and 2026

HB5561

Introduced 2/13/2026, by Rep. Thaddeus Jones

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act

Creates the Youth Public Safety and Social Media Accountability Act. Provides that no person shall coordinate or promote an unlawful large youth gathering, including through the use of a social media platform. Provides that a person who violates the provision commits a Class A misdemeanor. Provides that an operator of a social media platform shall take reasonable measures to restrict content that coordinates or promotes an unlawful large youth gathering. Provides that an operator of a social media platform shall maintain at least \$5,000,000 in liability insurance filed with the Department of Insurance to cover harms arising from a violation of the provision. Provides that a person injured in connection with an unlawful large youth gathering may bring a civil action against a social media platform.

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1 AN ACT concerning business.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the Youth  
5 Public Safety and Social Media Accountability Act.

6 Section 5. Definitions. As used in this Act:

7 "Minor" means a person under 18 years of age.

8 "Social media platform" means a public or semi-public  
9 Internet-based service or application that has users in this  
10 State and on which a substantial function of the service or  
11 application is to connect users in order to allow users to  
12 interact socially with each other within the service or  
13 application. For the purposes of this definition, a service or  
14 application that provides email or direct messaging shall not  
15 be considered to a "social media platform" on the basis of that  
16 function alone.

17 "Unlawful large youth gathering" means any gathering of  
18 100 or more minors, assembled without a permit or other lawful  
19 authority, in a public place, that causes or is reasonably  
20 expected to cause violence or property damage.

21 Section 10. Prohibition on coordinating and promoting  
22 unlawful large youth gatherings. No person shall coordinate or

1 promote an unlawful large youth gathering, including through  
2 the use of a social media platform. A person who violates this  
3 Section commits a Class A misdemeanor.

4 Section 15. Duties of social media platforms.

5 (a) An operator of a social media platform shall take  
6 reasonable measures to restrict content that coordinates or  
7 promotes an unlawful large youth gathering. The operator shall  
8 remove such content, as soon as practicable, after becoming  
9 aware that the content was posted on the social media  
10 platform.

11 (b) An operator of a social media platform operating shall  
12 maintain at least \$5,000,000 in liability insurance filed with  
13 the Department of Insurance to cover harms arising from a  
14 violation of subsection (a). The Department of Insurance may  
15 adopt rules to implement and administer this subsection.

16 Section 20. Civil liability. A person injured in  
17 connection with an unlawful large youth gathering may bring a  
18 civil action against a social media platform for a violation  
19 Section 15. In an action brought under this Section, the court  
20 may award damages and reasonable attorney's fees and costs.