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119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

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To require the Federal Trade Commission to conduct a study regarding
social media use by teenagers.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. BENTZ introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee
on _____

A BILL

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regarding social media use by teenagers.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Safe Social Media
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. REPORT BY FTC ON SOCIAL MEDIA USE BY TEEN-**
7 **AGERS.**

8 (a) **IN GENERAL.**— The Federal Trade Commission,
9 in coordination with the Secretary of Health and Human

1 Services (acting through the Assistant Secretary for Men-
2 tal Health and Substance Use), shall—

3 (1) conduct a study on social media platform
4 use among individuals younger than age 17, includ-
5 ing—

6 (A) what personal information is collected
7 by social media platforms regarding such indi-
8 viduals;

9 (B) how such personal information is used
10 by the algorithms of the social media platforms;

11 (C) how such personal information is used
12 with respect to targeted advertising;

13 (D) how often such individuals use social
14 media platforms daily;

15 (E) differences in use of social media plat-
16 forms related to the age ranges of such individ-
17 uals;

18 (F) mental health effects on such individ-
19 uals linked to the use of social media platforms;
20 and

21 (G) potential harmful effects and benefits
22 for such individuals from extended social media
23 platform use; and

24 (2) not later than 3 years after the date of en-
25 actment of this Act, submit to Congress a report on

1 the findings of the study under paragraph (1), in-
2 cluding any recommended policy changes based on
3 such findings.

4 (b) EXEMPTION.—Subchapter I of chapter 35 of title
5 44, United States Code (commonly known as the “Paper-
6 work Reduction Act”) shall not apply to this section.

7 **SEC. 3. DEFINITION OF SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORM.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—In this Act, the term “social
9 media platform” means a public-facing website, internet
10 application, or mobile internet application, including a so-
11 cial network or video sharing service that—

12 (1) serves the public; and

13 (2) primarily provides a forum for user-gen-
14 erated content, including messages, videos, images,
15 games, and audio files.

16 (b) EXCLUSIONS.—In this Act, the term “social
17 media platform” does not include the following:

18 (1) A provider of broadband internet access
19 service (as described in section 8.1(b) of title 47,
20 Code of Federal Regulations (or any successor regu-
21 lation)).

22 (2) Electronic mail.