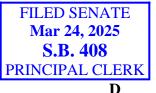
GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2025



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Short Title:	No High Risk Apps/Gov't Networks & Devices.	(Public)		
Sponsors:	Senators Moffitt, Hanig, and Johnson (Primary Sponsors).			
Referred to:				
	A BILL TO BE ENTITLED			
AN ACT PROHIBITING THE USE OF TIKTOK ON GOVERNMENT DEVICES AND				
DURING PARTICIPATION IN STATE-FUNDED PROGRAMS.				
The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:				
S	SECTION 1. Article 10 of Chapter 143 of the General Statutes is amend	ded by adding		
a new sectio	on to read:			
" <u>§ 143-162.11. Prohibition on the use of TikTok and other applications.</u>				
<u>(a)</u> <u>N</u>	No employee of the State or of a local political subdivision of the State sh	nall download		
or use a co	vered application or access the website of a covered application on	or using any		
government-issued device or information technology.				
<u>(b)</u> <u>N</u>	No person contracting with the State, or with a local political subdivision	n of the State,		
may access, download, or use a covered application on equipment owned or leased by the State				
or by a local political subdivision of the State.				
<u>(c)</u> <u>N</u>	No person may access, download, or use a covered applicat	tion on any		
government-issued device or during participation in any State-funded program.				
<u>(d)</u> <u>S</u>	State agencies and local political subdivisions of the State shall restrict	access to the		
websites of covered applications on government-issued devices and information technology.				
(e) The following definitions apply in this section:				
((1) <u>Covered application. – Any of the following applications or serv</u>	vices:		

<u>a.</u>	TikTok or any successor application or service developed or provided
	by ByteDance Limited or an entity owned by ByteDance Limited.

- b. WeChat or any successor application or service developed or provided by Tencent Holdings Limited or an entity owned by Tencent Holdings Limited.
- (2) <u>Device. Any cellular phone, desktop computer, laptop, or other electronic</u> <u>device capable of connecting to the internet issued by the State or by a local</u> <u>political subdivision of the State.</u>
- (3) Information technology. As defined by G.S. 143B-1320(a)(11). The term also includes (i) any equipment or interconnected system or subsystem of equipment used in the automatic acquisition, storage, analysis, evaluation, manipulation, management, movement, control, display, switching, interchange, transmission, or reception of data or information by a State-funded program, whether the equipment is used by the State-funded program directly or is used by a contractor under a contract with the State-funded program that requires the use of that equipment in the performance of a service or the furnishing of a product and (ii) computers,



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1		mobile devices, and virtual machines as well	ll as ancillary equipment,		
2		peripheral equipment designed to be controlled by	y the central processing unit		
3		of a computer, software, firmware and similar pro	ocedures, services (including		
4		support services), and related resources.			
5	<u>(4)</u>	State-funded program Any program or activity	y funded in whole or in part		
6		by State, federal, or local funds."			
7	SECTION 2. Any employee of the State or of a local political subdivision of the				
8	State, or any person contracting with the State or with a local political subdivision of the State,				
9	who has already downloaded a covered application to a government-issued device shall remove,				
10	delete, and uninstall the covered application no later than 30 days after the enactment of this act.				
11	SECTION 3. Nothing in this act shall be construed to prevent prosecutorial and law				
12	enforcement agencies from accessing the applications covered by this act for prosecutorial, law				
13	enforcement, and investigative purposes. By March 1, 2025, the Departments of Information				
14	Technology and Public Safety shall develop jointly the guidelines necessary for prosecutorial				
15	and law enforcement agency access to covered applications along with the risk mitigation actions				
16	necessary for such use.				
17	SECT	TION 4. This act is effective when it becomes law.			