

Joint Committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery
Bill Summary

Bill No: H2236

Title: Resolve relative to children’s mental health in social media

Sponsor(s): Representative Joshua Tarsky (of Needham)

Hearing Date: **June 30, 2025**

Similar Matters: None

Prior History: (2023-2024) H1986 - Accompanied a study order [H4712]

Current Law: None

Brief Summary:

Establishes a 23-member special commission on children’s mental health and social media (the “Commission”) to: (i) investigate, assess, advise and report on the risk of harm or actual harms children encounter on social media platforms; (ii) study, review, advise and recommend a legal framework for the Commonwealth to receive and review independent algorithm audits of social media platforms likely to be used by children; (iii) identify best practices social media platforms may implement to promote the health and safety of children using them; and (iv) develop recommendations to encourage the safe social media use of children. Authorizes the Commission to solicit public input through hearings and testimony. The Commission must submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature by December 31, 2026.