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Thursday, July 9, 2026.

Met at six minutes past eleven o'clock A.M. (Mr. Brownsberger in the Chair) (having been appointed, by the President, under authority conferred by Senate Rule 4, to perform the duties of the Chair).

The Chair (Mr. Brownsberger), members, guests and staff then recited the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of
allegiance.

Distinguished Guests.

There being no objection, during consideration of the Orders of the Day, the following guests were introduced:

The Chair (Mr. Brownsberger) handed the gavel to Mr. O'Connor for the purpose of an introduction. Mr. O'Connor then introduced, in the rear of the Chamber, Ian McNeil, a recent graduate of Duxbury High School. Ian was recognized for winning the MIAA Division 4 Boys Outdoor Track State Championships in the 100 meter and 200 meter dash and also for setting new school records in each event. Ian was also recognized for being named Team MVP and Patriot League all-star this year. He was accompanied by his mother Stacey, his grandfather Gary and Coach Daniel Whalen. The Senate welcomed him with applause, he was presented with a Senate Citation, and he withdrew from the Chamber.

Ian McNeil.

The Chair (Mr. Brownsberger) handed the gavel to Ms. Edwards for the purpose of an introduction. Ms. Edwards then introduced, in the Senate Gallery, the family of Prince Albert "Jake" Jacob. Prince Albert was recognized for his distinguished service during World War II in the British Royal Air Force while supporting the efforts to free nations in the spirit of the 250th anniversary of American independence. The Senate applauded his heroic efforts, wished him well on his 101st birthday, and his family withdrew from the Gallery.

Prince Albert "Jake"
Jacob.

Reports.

The following reports were severally received and placed on file, to wit:

Report of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (pursuant to line 7061-0028 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Act of 2024) submitting its Social Emotional Learning Grant FY25 report (copies having been forwarded to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Chairs of the Joint Committee on Education and the Joint Committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery) (received July 7, 2026);

DESE,-- Learning
Grant FY25 report.
SD4042

Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (pursuant to Section 71 of Chapter 370 of the General Laws) submitting its Bullying Data Collection FY25 report (copies having been forwarded to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Chairs of the Joint Committee on Education and the Joint Committee on the Judiciary) (received July 7, 2026);

Bullying Data FY25
report.
SD4043

Report of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (pursuant to line item 7061-9650 of Section 2 of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting its Supporting Healthy Alliances Reinforcing Education (SHARE) FY26 report (copies having been

DESE,-- SHARE
FY26 report.
SD4044

forwarded to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on Education) (received July 7, 2026); and

Report of the Plymouth County Sheriff (pursuant to Section 84 of Chapter 69 of the Acts 2018) submitting its Second Quarter Criminal Justice Reform 2026 report (copies having been forwarded to the Senate Chairs of the Joint Committee on the Judiciary and the Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security) (received July 9, 2026).

PCS,-- 2nd Quarter
Criminal Justice
Reform 2026 report.
SD4049

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Eldridge, for the committee on Revenue, on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1938), a Bill supporting family caregivers (Senate No. 3131);

Family caregivers.

Referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

By Ms. Rausch, for the committee on Environment and Natural Resources , on Senate, Nos. 549 and 669, a Bill investing in natural and working lands (Senate, No. 549);

Natural and working
lands.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 547), a Bill establishing an ecologically-based mosquito management program in the Commonwealth to protect public health (Senate No. 3152);

MMP,--
ecologically-based.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 551), a Bill prohibiting the sale of newly farmed fur products (Senate No. 3153);

Newly farmed fur,--
prohibit sale.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on Senate, Nos. 606 and 608, a Bill relative to combined sewer overflows (Senate No. 3154);

Sewer overflows.

By Mr. Oliveira, for the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, on petition, a Bill to increase unemployment insurance benefits for low wage workers (Senate, No. 1320);

Low wage workers,--
- UI benefits.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to the Department of Unemployment Assistance Advisory Council (Senate, No. 1341);

UI Advisory
Council,-- members.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill to prevent heat-related illness in public sector outdoor workers (Senate, No. 1367);

Heat illness,--
public outdoor
workers.
MCAD Fund.

By Mr. Eldridge, for the committee on Revenue, on petition, a Bill relative to creating the Massachusetts Against Discrimination Fund (Senate, No. 2014);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill to promote urban agriculture and horticulture (Senate, No. 2023);

Urban agriculture,--
tax break.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill closing a corporate tax haven loophole (Senate, No. 2041);

Corporate tax,--
loophole.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to the curatorship program (Senate, No. 2074);

Curatorship
program.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to tax credits for affordable housing (Senate, No. 2077);

Affordable
housing,-- tax
credits.
Tax incentive,--
ZEV purchases.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill promoting fair tax treatment for zero-emission vehicles (Senate, No. 2694);

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2012), a Bill establishing fairness for agricultural laborers (Senate No. 3132); and

Agricultural
laborers,-- worker
protections.
Agricultural land,--
renewable energy.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1927), a Bill relative to the separation of agricultural land for renewable energy purposes (Senate No. 3150);

Severally read and, under Senate Rule 27, referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

Notice was received from the House of Representatives announcing the following appointment by the Speaker:

Representative Domb of Amherst has been appointed to serve as his designee (under Section 35000 of Chapter 10 of the General Laws) to the Opioid Recovery and Remediation Fund advisory council regarding the expenditures from the fund.

Opioid Recovery and Remediation Fund council,-- appointment.

Petitions were severally referred, in concurrence, as follows, to wit:

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5563) of Danilo A. Sena (by vote of the town) that the town of Ayer be authorized to prohibit the use or sale of second-generation anti-coagulant rodenticides in said town; and

Ayer,-- rodenticides.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5570) of Sean Reid (by vote of the town) that the town of Nahant be authorized to prohibit the application of generation anticoagulant rodenticides in said town;

Nahant,-- rodenticides.

Severally to the committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5564) of Michael J. Soter (by vote of the town) for legislation to amend the charter of the town of Bellingham to allow the director of finance to serve as the town accountant; and

Bellingham,-- town accountant.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5571) of Sally P. Kerans (by vote of the town) that the town of Danvers be authorized to amend the town meeting act for said town;

Danvers,-- town meeting act.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5565) of Frank A. Moran (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the retirement board of the city of Lawrence be directed to grant credible service to Lawrence police officer Abel Cano, Jr.; and

Lawrence,-- Abel Cano, Jr.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5566) of Todd M. Smola (by vote of the town) that the town of Warren be authorized to continue the employment of Steven Perkins, a member of the fire department of said town, notwithstanding the maximum age requirement;

Warren,-- Steven Perkins.

Severally to the committee on Public Service.

Engrossed Bills.

The following engrossed bills (the first of which originated in the Senate), having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were severally passed to be enacted and were signed by the Acting President (Mr. Brownsberger) and laid before the Governor for her approbation, to wit:

Providing for the ownership and maintenance of the Town Line Brook and Linden Brook culverts and dams (see Senate, No. 2967, amended);

Bills laid before the Governor.

Authorizing the town of Milford to convert a license for the sale of wine and malt beverages into a license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be consumed on the premises (see House, No. 4359, amended);

Authorizing William Pilleri to take the civil service examination for the position of firefighter in the town of Arlington notwithstanding the maximum age requirement (see House, No. 4507);

Authorizing the city of Salem to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (see House, No. 5098); and

Authorizing the city known as the town of Bridgewater to issue an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (see House, No. 5342).

The Senate Bill regulating the issuance of licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages in the town of Bolton (Senate, No. 2628),-- came from the House passed to be engrossed, in

Bolton,-- liquor licenses.

concurrence *with an amendment*, striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in House document numbered 5494.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Keenan, and the House amendment was considered forthwith and adopted, in concurrence.

The Senate Bill further regulating the amendment of a conservation restriction in the town of Hanson (Senate, No. 2895),-- came from the House passed to be engrossed, in concurrence *with an amendment*, striking out section 1 and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

Hanson,--
conservation
restriction.

SECTION 1. Section 3 of chapter 133 of the acts of 2022 is hereby amended by striking out the figure “21,780” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- 3,922.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Ms. Kennedy, and the House amendment was considered forthwith and adopted, in concurrence.

Resolutions.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Moore) “commending National Safety Council Inc. for their recognition of June 2026 as National Safety Month”,-- were considered; and, after remarks were adopted.

National Safety
Council Inc.

Report of a Committee.

Mr. Rodrigues, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the House Bill to improve Massachusetts home care (House, No. 4706) (also based on Senate, No. 2645),-- ought to pass with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text of Senate document numbered 3170.

Home care,--
improvement.

Order Adopted.

Mr. Rodrigues offered the following order, to wit:

Ordered, That notwithstanding Senate Rule 7 or any other rule to the contrary, the House Bill to improve Massachusetts home care (House, No. 4706) (the committee on Ways and Means having recommended that the bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 3170) shall be placed in the Orders of the Day for a second reading on Thursday, July 16, 2026, for immediate consideration with the Ways and Means new text pending; and *be it further ordered* that all amendments to the proposed new text shall be second-reading amendments, but further amendments in the third-degree to such amendments shall be in order.

Procedural Order.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Crighton, and the order was considered forthwith and adopted.

Report of a Committee.

Mr. Rodrigues, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the House Bill requiring health care employers to develop and implement programs to prevent workplace violence (House, No. 4767) (also based on Senate, No. 1718),-- ought to pass with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text of Senate document numbered 3171.

Workplace
violence,--
prevention.

Order Adopted.

Mr. Rodrigues offered the following order, to wit:

Ordered, That notwithstanding Senate Rule 7 or any other rule to the contrary, the House Bill requiring health care employers to develop and implement programs to prevent workplace violence (House, No. 4767) (the committee on Ways and Means having recommended that the bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 3171) shall be placed in the Orders of the Day for a second reading on Thursday, July 16, 2026, for immediate consideration with the Ways and Means new text pending; and *be it further ordered* that all amendments to the proposed new text shall be second-reading amendments, but further amendments in the third-degree to such amendments shall be in order.

Procedural Order.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Tarr, and the order was considered forthwith and adopted.

Orders of the Day.

The Orders of the Day were considered as follows:

Bills

Relative to the maximum age requirement for original appointment to the position of firefighter or police officer in the city of Haverhill (House, No. 4443);

Second reading bills.

Amending the charter for the town of Groton (House, No. 4795, amended); and

Relative to waiving the maximum age requirement for Boston police officers for Matthew Cummings (House, No. 5034);

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

There being no objection, during consideration of the Orders of the Day, the following matters were considered:

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A Bill authorizing the commissioner of capital asset management and maintenance to transfer certain parcels of land in the town of Norton (House, No. 5561,-- on House, No. 3352),-- was read.

Norton,-- land.

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Velis, and the bill was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

A Bill providing for the terms of certain bonds for transportation purposes to be issued by the Commonwealth (House, No. 5568,-- on House, No. 5519),-- was read.

Terms of bonds.

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Montigny, and the bill was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

A Bill relative to property tax classifications in the city of Watertown for fiscal year 2027 and subsequent fiscal years (House, No. 5569,-- on House, No. 4687) [Local approval received on House, No. 4687],-- was read.

Watertown,-- property tax.

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Ms. Howard, and the bill was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Orders of the Day.

The Orders of the Day were further considered as follows:

The Senate Bill protecting children from addictive social media feeds (Senate, No. 30),-- was read a second time.

Social media,-- children.

After remarks, pending the question on adoption of the amendment previously recommended by the committee on Ways and Means substituting a new draft with the same title (Senate, No. 3164), and pending the main question on ordering the bill to a third reading,

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Mr. Payano, Ms. Jehlen, Ms. Kennedy, Ms. Edwards and Messrs. Keenan, Montigny and Tarr moved to amend the proposed new draft in section 1, by inserting after the word “account” , in line 100, the following text:- “or otherwise”;

In said section 1, by inserting after the word “user,” the first time it appears in line 105, the following words:- “who accesses or uses the covered operator’s social media platform through an account”; and

In said section 1, by striking out, in line 109, the words “that opts out of such methods” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- “for whom the covered operator has not used such methods to determine if the user is a covered minor”.

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Keenan moved to amend the proposed new draft in line 9 by inserting after the word “users” the following words:- “or application distribution providers or covered operators”;

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In line 23 by inserting after the word “users” the following words:- “or application distribution providers or covered operators”; and

In line 90 by inserting after the word “users” the following words:- “or application distribution providers or covered operators”.

After remarks, the amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Keenan, Ms. Rausch, Ms. Edwards and Mr. Montigny moved to amend the proposed new draft in section 1, in line 111, by striking the words “12:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m.” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- “10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.”.

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After remarks, the amendment was adopted.

Messrs. Keenan and Montigny moved to amend the proposed new draft in section 1, in line 120, by inserting, after the word “reminder”, the following words:- “ and receive verifiable parental consent”.

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After remarks, the amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Keenan, Ms. Edwards and Mr. Montigny moved to amend the proposed new draft by inserting after section ____ the following sections:-

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“SECTION ____ . Sections 96 and 97 of chapter 71 of the General Laws shall be struck and replaced with the following words:-

Section 96. Each public school shall have policies regarding substance use prevention and problematic and risky internet use and the education of its students about the dangers of substance abuse and problematic and risky internet use. The school shall notify the parents or guardians of all students attending the school of the policies and shall post the policies on the school's website. The policies, and any standards and rules enforcing the policies, shall be prescribed by the school committee in conjunction with the superintendent or the board of trustees of a charter school.

The department of elementary and secondary education, in consultation with the department of public health, shall provide guidance and recommendations to assist schools with developing and implementing effective substance use prevention and abuse and problematic and risky internet use education policies and shall make such guidance and recommendations publicly available on the department's website. Guidance and recommendations may include educating parents or guardians on recognizing warning signs of substance abuse and problematic and risky internet use and providing available resources. Guidance and recommendations shall be reviewed and regularly updated to reflect applicable research and best practices.

Each school district and charter school shall file its substance use prevention and abuse and problematic and risky internet use education policies with the department of elementary and secondary education in a manner and form prescribed by the department.

Section 97. (a) Subject to appropriation, each city, town, regional school district, charter school or vocational school district shall utilize a verbal screening tool to screen pupils for

substance use disorders and a written or verbal screening or assessment tool to screen students for problematic and risky internet use. Screenings shall occur on an annual basis and occur at 2 different grade levels as recommended by the department of elementary and secondary education, in consultation with the department of public health. Parents or guardians of a pupil to be screened pursuant to this section shall be notified prior to the start of the school year. Verbal and written screening tools shall be approved by the department of elementary and secondary education, in conjunction with the department of public health. De-identified screening results shall be reported to the department of elementary and secondary education and the department of public health, in a manner to be determined by each department, not later than 90 days after completion of the screening.

(b) A pupil or the pupil's parent or guardian may opt out of the screenings by written notification at any time prior to or during the screenings. A city, town, regional school district, charter school or vocational school district utilizing a written or verbal screening tool shall comply with the department of elementary and secondary education's regulations relative to consent.

(c) Any statement, response or disclosure made by a pupil during a verbal substance use disorder screening and a verbal or written and problematic and risky internet use screening shall be considered confidential information and shall not be disclosed by a person receiving the statement, response or disclosure to any other person without the prior written consent of the pupil, parent or guardian, except in cases of immediate medical emergency or a disclosure is otherwise required by state law; provided, however, that the screenings required under this section shall be implemented in accordance with applicable state and federal laws and regulations pertaining to student confidentiality, including rules and regulations promulgated pursuant to section 34D. Such consent shall be documented on a form approved by the department of public health and shall not be subject to discovery or subpoena in any civil, criminal, legislative or administrative proceeding. No record of any statement, response or disclosure shall be made in any form, written, electronic or otherwise, that includes information identifying the pupil.

(d) The department of elementary and secondary education shall notify each school district in writing of the requirement to screen students for substance use disorders and problematic and risky internet use pursuant to this section. School districts with alternative substance use or problematic and risky internet use screening policies may, on a form provided by the department, opt out of one of or both the required verbal screening tools. The form shall be signed by the school superintendent and provide a detailed description of the alternative substance use and problematic and risky internet use program the district has implemented and the reasons why the required written and verbal screening tools are not appropriate for the district.

(e) No person shall have a cause of action for loss or damage caused by an act or omission resulting from the implementation of this section.

SECTION __. Section __ shall take effect on August 1, 2028.”

After remarks, the amendment was *rejected*.

Ms. Friedman, Ms. Rausch and Ms. Edwards moved to amend the proposed new draft by striking out, in lines 170-173, the words “(i) set forth multiple methods for a covered operator to determine if a user is a covered minor, including, but not limited to, at least 1 method that either does not rely solely on government issued identification or that allows a user to maintain anonymity as to the covered operator of the social media platform;” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- “(i) set forth multiple methods for a covered operator to determine if a user is a covered minor, including, but not limited to, at least 1 method that does not rely on government issued identification or a user’s biometric data and that allows a user to maintain anonymity with respect to the covered operator of the social media platform;”.

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After remarks, the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Fernandes moved to amend the proposed new draft in section 1, at the end thereof, by inserting the following section:-

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“Section 9. A data breach involving personal information used to determine a user’s age shall be subject to chapter 93H.”; and

By inserting at the end thereof the following section:-

“SECTION X. Section 1 of Chapter 93H of the Massachusetts General Laws, as appearing in the 2024 Official Edition, is hereby amended, by striking the definition of ‘personal information’ in its entirety, and inserting in place thereof the following definition:-

‘Personal information’ a resident’s first name and last name or first initial and last name in combination with any 1 or more of the following data elements that relate to such resident:

(a) Social Security number;

(b) driver's license number or state-issued identification card number;

(c) financial account number, or credit or debit card number, with or without any required security code, access code, personal identification number or password, that would permit access to a resident’s financial account; provided, however, that “Personal information” shall not include information that is lawfully obtained from publicly available information, or from federal, state or local government records lawfully made available to the general public; or

(d) a biometric identifier, including a retina or iris scan, voiceprint, scan of facial features or hand features, or any unique biological characteristic, or digital representation thereof, that is used to determine the identity or age of a specific individual.”

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Fernandes moved to amend the proposed new draft in section 1, in lines 104 through 109, inclusive, by striking out the entirety of the words contained therein, and inserting in place thereof the following words:-

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“Section 2. (a)(1) Unless a user expressly and unambiguously requests to change a safety setting specified in this paragraph and the covered operator has used commercially reasonable and technically feasible methods to determine that the user is not a covered minor, the covered operator shall set default social media platform safety settings for a user that shall:”; and

In section 1, in lines 187 through 190, inclusive, by striking clause (f) in its entirety.

The amendment was *rejected*.

Mr. Finegold moved to amend the proposed new draft in section 1, by striking out in line 99 “or (v)” and inserting in place thereof the following:- “(v) interactive video gaming, or (vi)”.

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The amendment was *rejected*.

Ms. Kennedy, Ms. Jehlen, Ms. Edwards, Messrs. Payano and Montigny and Ms. Lovely moved to amend the proposed new draft in section 1, by striking out, in line 115 to 116, the words “and (v)” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- “(v) disable the visibility or sharing of the user’s precise geolocation data with other users; and (vi)”;

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and (vi)”;

In said section 1, by striking out, in lines 132 to 135, inclusive, the words “disable the visibility or sharing of the covered minor’s precise geolocation data with other users; (iii) limit the covered minor’s sharing of content to connected accounts; and (iv) limit the covered minor’s direct messaging to connected accounts” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- “limit the covered minor’s sharing of content to connected accounts; and (iii) limit the covered minor’s direct messaging to connected accounts”; and

In said section 1, in proposed subsection (b) of section 2 of chapter 93M of the General Laws, by striking out paragraph (2) and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:-

“(2) A covered operator may permit a covered minor to change the default settings enabled pursuant to paragraph (1)”.

After remarks, the amendment was adopted.

Ms. Kennedy, Ms. Jehlen, Ms. Edwards and Ms. Lovely moved to amend the proposed new draft in section 1, by striking out, in lines 17 and 18, the words “unless the content was explicitly saved by the user.”. 25

After remarks, the amendment was adopted.

Ms. Creem in the Chair, Mr. Brownsberger, Ms. Jehlen, Ms. Edwards, Ms. Kennedy, Messrs. Keenan, Tarr and Montigny and Ms. Lovely moved to amend the proposed new draft in section 1 by striking out, in lines 149 to 152, “(3) A covered operator shall not: (i) provide a user with an option to change more than 1 such default setting at once; or (ii) request or prompt a user to change any such default settings, unless the change is necessary for the user to access a service or feature they have expressly and unambiguously requested.”; and 27

In said section 1, in proposed section 2 of chapter 93M of the General Laws, by inserting, after subsection (c), the following subsection:-

“(d) A covered operator shall not: (i) provide a user with an option to change more than 1 default setting under subsections (a) or (b) at once; or (ii) request or prompt a user to change any default settings under subsections (a) or (b), unless the change is necessary for the user to access a service or feature they have expressly and unambiguously requested.”.

After remarks, the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Brownsberger, Ms. Jehlen, Ms. Edwards, Ms. Kennedy and Ms. Lovely moved to amend the proposed new draft in section 1, by inserting, in line 198, after the word “platforms” the following text:- “, and additionally may promulgate regulations exempting certain covered platforms from the reporting requirements in this section based on the size and financial resources of the covered platform and the costs and utility of such data. The attorney general shall, in consultation with security researchers, ensure that such data releases are not vulnerable to re-identification or other security vulnerabilities to protect covered minors”. 29

After remarks, the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Brownsberger in the Chair, Ms. Edwards, Ms. Jehlen, Ms. Kennedy, Messrs. Keenan, Payano and Fernandes and Ms. Lovely moved to amend the proposed new draft in section 1, by striking out, in line 99, the words “or (v) document viewing, sharing or collaboration services” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- “(v) document viewing, sharing or collaboration services; (vi) websites, online services, online applications or mobile applications operated by non-profit entities; or (vii) open source software-developing and -sharing platforms”. 3

After remarks, the amendment was adopted.

Ms. Edwards, Ms. Jehlen, Ms. Kennedy, Mr. Tarr and Ms. Lovely moved to amend the proposed new draft in section 1, by inserting after the word “provider” in line 164, the following words:- “that has implemented an age signal”. 4

After remarks, the amendment was adopted.

There being no objection, during consideration of the Orders of the Day, the following matter was considered:

Report of Committees.

By Ms. Lovely, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that the Senate Order granting the committee on Financial Services until July 10, 2026, within which time to make its final report on a current Senate document numbered 705, relative to home equity investments (Senate, No. 3123),-- ought to be adopted.

Financial Services,--
extension order

The rules were suspended on motion of Ms. Jehlen, and, after remarks, the order was considered forthwith and adopted.

Orders of the Day.

The Orders of the Day were further considered as follows:

The Senate Bill protecting children from addictive social media feeds (Senate, No. 30),-
- was further considered, the main question being on ordering the bill to a third reading.

Social media,--
children.

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Messrs. Tarr, Keenan and Montigny moved to amend the proposed new draft in section 1, in proposed section 4 of chapter 93M of the General Laws, by adding the following sentence:- “Annually, not later than December 1, the attorney general shall file a report summarizing the information collected pursuant to section 4 and on complaints filed by the attorney general pursuant to section 5 with the clerks of the senate and house of representative and the joint committee on children, families and persons with disabilities. The report shall include, but not be limited to, a list of complaints filed by the attorney general pursuant to section 5, the results of such complaints and data related to compliance with section 2.”.

After remarks, the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Velis, Ms. Howard, Mr. Payano, Ms. Edwards and Messrs. Keenan, Lewis, Tarr, Montigny and Feeney moved to amend the proposed new draft by striking out, in lines 195 and 196, the words “and (iii) the frequency and type of modification of default settings for minors’ social media accounts” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- “(iii) the frequency and type of modification of default settings for minors’ social media accounts; (iv) a description of the mechanism by which the public may submit complaints including, but not limited to, what information may be included in such complaint, the internal processes for handling complaints and any automated detection mechanisms related to harms to minors, including the rate, timeliness and effectiveness of responses; (v) the number of complaints received regarding: (A) mental health disorders, including anxiety, depression, eating disorders, substance abuse disorders and suicidal behaviors; (B) patterns of use that indicate or encourage addiction-like behaviors, physical violence, online bullying, harassment, sexual exploitation or abuse involving minors; (C) the promotion and marketing of narcotic drugs, as defined in the Controlled Substances Act, 21 U.S.C. 802, tobacco products, gambling or alcohol; or (D) predatory, unfair or deceptive marketing practices or other financial harms, that were submitted in reference to violations of community standards; and (vi) a description of whether and how the covered operator uses platform design features to increase, sustain or extend use of a product or service by minors, including through algorithmic recommendations, patterns of use, notifications or prompts, rewards or promotions or other engagement-maximizing features.”.

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After remarks, the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Rodrigues moved to amend the proposed new draft in section 1, by striking out, in line 48, the word “landing”;

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In said section 1, by striking out, in lines 71 and 72, the word “landing”;

In said section 1, by striking out, in line 118, the word “any”;

In said section 1, by inserting after the word “to”, in line 134, the following word:-
“only”; and

In said section 1, by inserting after the word “to”, in line 135, the following word:-
“only”.

The amendment was adopted.

The Ways and Means amendment, as amended, was then adopted.

The bill (Senate, No. 3164, amended) was then ordered to a third reading and was read a third time.

The question on passing the bill to be engrossed was determined by a call of the yeas and nays, at thirteen minutes before three o'clock P.M., on motion of Ms. Creem, as follows to wit (yeas 38 – nays 2) **[Yeas and Nays No. 206]:**

YEAS.

Barrett, Michael J.
Brady, Michael D.
Brownsberger, William N.
Collins, Nick
Comerford, Joanne M.
Creem, Cynthia Stone
Crighton, Brendan P.
Cronin, John J.
Cyr, Julian
DiDomenico, Sal N.
Driscoll, Jr., William J.
Edwards, Lydia
Eldridge, James B.
Fattman, Ryan C.
Feeney, Paul R.
Fernandes, Dylan A.
Finegold, Barry R.
Friedman, Cindy F.
Gómez, Adam

Howard, Vanna
Jehlen, Patricia D.
Keenan, John F.
Kennedy, Robyn K.
Lewis, Jason M.
Lovely, Joan B.
Mark, Paul W.
Miranda, Liz
Montigny, Mark C.
Moore, Michael O.
O'Connor, Patrick M.
Oliveira, Jacob R.
Payano, Pavel
Rausch, Rebecca L.
Rodrigues, Michael J.
Rush, Michael F.
Spilka, Karen E.
Tarr, Bruce E.
Velis, John C. – **38.**

NAYS.

Dooner, Kelly A.

Durant, Peter J. – **2.**

The yeas and nays having been completed at six minutes before three o'clock P.M., the bill was passed to be engrossed [For text of Senate bill, printed as amended, see Senate, No. 3175].

Sent to the House for concurrence.

Report of Committees.

By Ms. Lovely, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the Senate petition of Paul R. Feeney for legislation to ensure fairness in retirement benefits for certain employees of the Department of Correction.

Senate Rule 36 was suspended, on motion of Mr. Tarr, and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Public Service.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Eldridge,--

Ordered, that when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M., and that the Clerk be directed to dispense with the printing of a calendar.

On motion of Ms. Kennedy, at four minutes before three o'clock P.M., the Senate adjourned to meet again on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

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