

Know! Tip Special Edition: 27 Minutes - The Social Media Parental Notification Act

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About 27 Minutes

27 Minutes is an educational campaign created by Bridgett Bajorek, Samantha Happel, and Audrey Williams, three students at Olentangy High School in Central Ohio. The campaign focuses on educating parents and guardians about the dangers and issues of social media.

On January 15, 2024, House Bill 33 was implemented in Ohio. This bill included the Parental Notification Act, however, the Act did not go into place. The Parental Notification Act is a legislative proposal that aims to address issues related to parental involvement in minors' social media usage. The Parental Notification Act places adolescents' behavior in the hands of their guardians. It was under review for a potential violation of the first amendment and there was consistent debate if it was going into place.

Lt. Governor John Husted championed the act and it was signed by Ohio Governor Mike DeWine in July, 2023. The act requires parental consent when adolescents attempt to download social media applications and create accounts. To abide by Bill 33, companies are required to:

- Determine if the user is under the age of 16
- Obtain guardian consent that can be verified
- Send a written confirmation to the guardian of their consent

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It is unknown if the Parental Notification Act will go into effect. Even though there is debate about whether the act is going into place, parents and guardians should be aware of what social media has in store for their children. As we have seen throughout the 27 Minutes Campaign, along with the positive aspects of social media, there are many aspects of social media that can be dangerous for adolescents.

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Resources

[Social Media Parental Notification Act Garner Support Following Recent Budget Passage | Governor Mike DeWine \(ohio.gov\)](#)

[Explainer: New Ohio law requires parental consent for minor social media use \(daytondailynews.com\)](#)

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In the coming six weeks, Special Edition Know! Tips will be released on topics related to sextortion, depression, anxiety and self-esteem, personal safety, excessive social media use, and Ohio's Social Media Parental Notification Act. These tips will be written by teens, for caring adults everywhere.

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