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Short Title: No High Risk Apps/Gov't Networks & Devices.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT PROHIBITING THE USE OF TIKTOK ON GOVERNMENT DEVICES.
3 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

4 **SECTION 1.** Article 10 of Chapter 143 of the General Statutes is amended by adding
5 a new section to read:

6 **"§ 143-162.11. Prohibition on the use of TikTok and other applications.**

7 (a) No employee of the State or of a local political subdivision of the State shall download
8 or use a covered application or access the website of a covered application on or using any
9 government-issued device or information technology.

10 (b) No person contracting with the State, or with a local political subdivision of the State,
11 may access, download, or use a covered application on equipment owned or leased by the State
12 or by a local political subdivision of the State.

13 (c) No person may access, download, or use a covered application on any
14 government-issued device.

15 (d) State agencies and local political subdivisions of the State shall restrict access to the
16 websites of covered applications on government-issued devices and information technology.

17 (e) The following definitions apply in this section:

18 (1) Covered application. – Any of the following applications or services:

19 a. TikTok or any successor application or service developed or provided
20 by ByteDance Limited or an entity owned by ByteDance Limited.

21 b. WeChat or any successor application or service developed or provided
22 by Tencent Holdings Limited or an entity owned by Tencent Holdings
23 Limited.

24 (2) Device. – Any cellular phone, desktop computer, laptop, or other electronic
25 device capable of connecting to the internet issued by the State or by a local
26 political subdivision of the State.

27 (3) Information technology. – As defined by G.S. 143B-1320(a)(11). The term
28 also includes (i) any equipment or interconnected system or subsystem of
29 equipment used in the automatic acquisition, storage, analysis, evaluation,
30 manipulation, management, movement, control, display, switching,
31 interchange, transmission, or reception of data or information by a
32 State-funded program, whether the equipment is used by the State-funded
33 program directly or is used by a contractor under a contract with the
34 State-funded program that requires the use of that equipment in the
35 performance of a service or the furnishing of a product and (ii) computers,



mobile devices, and virtual machines as well as ancillary equipment, peripheral equipment designed to be controlled by the central processing unit of a computer, software, firmware and similar procedures, services (including support services), and related resources.

(4) State-funded program. – Any program or activity funded in whole or in part by State, federal, or local funds."

SECTION 2. Any employee of the State or of a local political subdivision of the State, or any person contracting with the State or with a local political subdivision of the State, who has already downloaded a covered application to a government-issued device shall remove, delete, and uninstall the covered application no later than 30 days after the enactment of this act.

SECTION 3. Nothing in this act shall be construed to prevent prosecutorial agencies, law enforcement agencies, the Department of Adult Correction, and employees of the State Auditor engaged in investigations from accessing the applications covered by this act for prosecutorial, law enforcement, and investigative purposes, or investigating matters involving offenders incarcerated with or otherwise under the supervision of the Department of Adult Correction or matters related to the misuse of devices owned by the Department of Adult Correction. By March 1, 2026, the Departments of Information Technology and Public Safety shall develop jointly the guidelines necessary for access to covered applications along with the risk mitigation actions necessary for such use.

SECTION 4. This act is effective when it becomes law.