GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2025

S SENATE BILL 408

Short Title:	No High Risk Apps/Gov't Networks & Devices. (Public)	
Sponsors:	Senators Moffitt, Hanig, and Johnson (Primary Sponsors).	
Referred to:	Rules and Operations of the Senate	
	March 25, 2025	
	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:		
	ECTION 1. Article 10 of Chapter 143 of the General Statutes is amended by adding	
a new section		
" <u>§ 143-162.1</u>	1. Prohibition on the use of TikTok and other applications.	
<u>(a)</u> No	o employee of the State or of a local political subdivision of the State shall download	
or use a covered application or access the website of a covered application on or using any		
	ssued device or information technology.	
(b) No person contracting with the State, or with a local political subdivision 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.		
(c) No person may access, download, or use a covered application on any		
government-issued device or during participation in any State-funded program.		
(d) 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.		
	ne following definitions apply in this section:	
<u>(1</u>	 	
	a. <u>TikTok or any successor application or service developed or provided</u>	
	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.	
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(2	device capable of connecting to the internet issued by the State or by a local	
	political subdivision of the State.	
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<u>15</u>	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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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) <u>State-funded program. – Any program or activity funded in whole or in part by State, federal, or local funds."</u>

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 and law enforcement agencies from accessing the applications covered by this act for prosecutorial, law enforcement, and investigative purposes. By March 1, 2025, the Departments of Information Technology and Public Safety shall develop jointly the guidelines necessary for prosecutorial and law enforcement agency access to covered applications along with the risk mitigation actions necessary for such use.

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