ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 77–COMMITTEE
ON GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

(ON BEHALF OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL)

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Referred to Committee on Judiciary

SUMMARY—Creates the Nevada Kids Internet and Digital Safety Fund. (BDR 18-547)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: Increases or Newly Provides for Term of Imprisonment in County or City Jail or Detention Facility.
Effect on the State: May have Fiscal Impact.
Effect on the State Highway Fund: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in ***bolded italics*** is new; matter between brackets ~~[omitted material]~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to children; creating the Nevada Kids Internet and Digital Safety Fund; requiring the Attorney General to deposit proceeds of certain litigation into the Fund; authorizing the Attorney General, in consultation with the Bureau of Consumer Protection in the Office of the Attorney General, to use the money in the Fund to award grants to certain persons or agencies to address the impacts, risks and harms of social media platforms; prescribing certain procedures relating to the administration of the Fund and awarding of such grants; providing a penalty; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law: (1) creates the Fund for a Resilient Nevada to hold the proceeds of certain litigation by the State concerning the manufacture, distribution, sale and marketing of opioids; and (2) provides for the use of the money for statewide projects and distribution as grants to regional, local and tribal governments and private sector organizations for projects that address the impacts of opioid use disorder and other substance use disorders. (NRS 433.712-433.744) **Sections 2-12** of this bill similarly: (1) create the Nevada Kids Internet and Digital Safety Fund to hold the proceeds of certain litigation by the State concerning the harms, risks and impacts of digital technology, including social media platforms; and (2) provide for

the use of that money for allocation as grants for programs and services that address the harms, risks and impacts of digital technology. **Sections 4-7** define certain terms related to the Fund. **Section 8** creates the Fund and requires the Attorney General, in consultation with the Bureau of Consumer Protection in the Office of the Attorney General, to administer the Fund.

Section 9 requires the Attorney General, in consultation with the Bureau of Consumer Protection, to establish policies, procedures and requirements relating to the administration and distribution of grants from the Fund. **Section 9** also establishes certain eligibility requirements for a person or agency that operates certain programs and services. Further, **section 9** authorizes the Attorney General and the Bureau of Consumer Protection to consult with any public body, private agency or person that possesses certain knowledge for the purpose of determining the allocation of grants.

Section 10 requires a recipient of a grant to: (1) establish objectives for the program or service funded by the grant; (2) establish performance metrics for the program or service; (3) conduct evaluations of the outcomes of such program or service; and (4) report the results of such evaluations to the Attorney General and the Bureau of Consumer Protection. **Section 10** prohibits a recipient of a grant from: (1) using more than 5 percent of a grant for administrative expenses; (2) violating any of the requirements of the grant; and (3) using the grant for marketing, lobbying or any other activity that primarily promotes the use of digital technology by children. Under **section 10**, committing one of these prohibited acts constitutes a deceptive trade practice.

Section 11 requires the Attorney General, in consultation with the Bureau of Consumer Protection, to establish certain reporting requirements for recipients of a grant. **Section 12**: (1) requires the Attorney General, in consultation with the Bureau of Consumer Protection, to evaluate each program or service that is allocated a grant to determine the effectiveness of the program or service; and (2) authorizes the Attorney General to require the recipient to modify the program or service. **Section 12** further authorizes the Attorney General to revoke or suspend a grant if the recipient fails to: (1) comply with the requirements of the grant; or (2) demonstrate reasonable progress toward the performance metrics of the program or service. Finally, **section 12** authorizes the Attorney General to audit, examine or inspect the books and records of each recipient of a grant.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Chapter 228 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 to 12, inclusive, of this act.

Sec. 2. ***The provisions set forth as sections 2 to 12, inclusive, of this act may be cited as the Nevada Kids Internet and Digital Safety Act Fund.***

Sec. 3. ***As used in sections 2 to 12, inclusive, of this act, unless the context otherwise requires, the words and terms defined in sections 4 to 7, inclusive, of this act have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.***

Sec. 4. ***"Child" means a person who is less than 18 years of age.***

Sec. 5. *"Digital technology" means any electronic or Internet-enabled tool, system, device, platform or application that generates, stores, processes or transmits data, including, without limitation, a computer, a mobile device, software, an online platform, a social media platform and any other current or emerging digital environment in which a person can interact or access information.*

Sec. 6. *"Fund" means the Nevada Kids Internet and Digital Safety Fund created by section 8 of this act.*

Sec. 7. *"Social media platform" means any digital platform, application or service or any other current or emerging technology that facilitates the generation of content, social interaction or content sharing among users through text, images, video, audio, live streaming or any other form of communication through public or private means. The term includes, without limitation, social networking services, platforms that share content, messaging applications and virtual or interactive digital environments.*

Sec. 8. *1. The Nevada Kids Internet and Digital Safety Fund is hereby created in the State Treasury. Unless otherwise required by the applicable judgment or settlement, the Attorney General shall, after deducting any fees and costs imposed pursuant to an applicable contingent fee contract as described in NRS 228.1111 and any amendments thereto, deposit in the Fund all money received by this State pursuant to any judgment received or settlement entered into by the State of Nevada as a result of litigation concerning matters related to the harms, risks and impacts of social media platforms conducted in accordance with the declaration of findings issued by the Governor and the Attorney General pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection 1 of NRS 228.1111 on August 15, 2023.*

2. The Attorney General, in consultation with the Bureau of Consumer Protection, shall administer the Fund.

3. The interest and income earned on the money in the Fund must, after deducting any applicable charges, be credited to the Fund. All claims against the Fund must be paid as other claims against the State are paid.

4. To the extent authorized by the terms of any judgment or settlement described in subsection 1, the Attorney General may allocate money from the Fund for administrative expenses. The annual allocation for administrative expenses from the Fund must not exceed 5 percent of the value of grants awarded each year from the Fund.

5. The money in the Fund remains in the Fund and does not revert to the State General Fund at the end of any fiscal year.

6. The State Treasurer may, in consultation with the Attorney General, invest the money in the Fund that is not required for immediate expenditure as the money in other state funds is invested.

7. Money expended from the Fund must not be used to supplant existing methods of funding that are available to state, regional, local or tribal agencies.

8. The Attorney General may accept and deposit into the Fund gifts, grants, donations and appropriations to support the activities described in subsection 2 of section 9 of this act.

Sec. 9. *1. The Attorney General, in consultation with the Bureau of Consumer Protection, shall:*

(a) Establish policies and procedures for the administration and distribution of grants from the Fund;

(b) Develop, solicit and accept applications for those grants;

(c) Allocate money in the Fund for the purposes described in subsection 2; and

(d) Establish requirements governing the use of money allocated from the Fund.

2. The Attorney General, in consultation with the Bureau of Consumer Protection, may allocate money from the Fund as grants to a person or agency that operates a program or services that does one or more of the following:

(a) Promote digital literacy and digital citizenship for children and parents.

(b) Train, educate and provide support tools for children and parents related to the safe and responsible use of digital technologies.

(c) Provide education related to the impacts of digital technology on the mental health and well-being of children.

(d) Promote public awareness and communication strategies to address the risks, impacts and harms of digital technology.

(e) Encourage children to spend less time using digital technology by providing opportunities for children to engage in activities that are offline, including, without limitation, recreational, educational, social or community-based activities.

(f) Promote physical, mental and social well-being of children and reduce or limit the use of digital technology.

(g) Provide access for children to evidence-based or evidence-informed mental health services, including, without limitation, services for early intervention, treatment and recovery.

(h) Operate juvenile probation programs that address and reduce the impact of digital technology on the mental health and well-being of children.

(i) Provide criminal and civil law enforcement with resources to address the exploitation and trafficking of children through digital technology.

3. The activities described in subsection 2 may include, without limitation, projects to maximize expenditures through federal, local and private matching contributions.

4. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a regional, local or tribal agency is not eligible to receive a grant or continuation of a grant if the regional, local or tribal agency recovers money in any litigation concerning a social media platform unless the regional, local or tribal agency demonstrates that the grant will be used in conjunction with such recovered money. A grant awarded to a regional, local or tribal agency that recovered money in any litigation concerning a social media platform must not exceed the amount that the regional, local or tribal agency contributes to the program or service that will be funded by the grant.

5. In determining the allocation of grants pursuant to subsection 2, the Attorney General and the Bureau of Consumer Protection may consult with any public body, private agency or person that possesses knowledge of, skills in and experience with the mental health of children, including, without limitation, professional mental health care services, programs for children or programs that improve and safeguard the mental health of children. Any fees or expenses incurred by the Attorney General or the Bureau of Consumer Protection in connection with such consultation shall be paid from the money allocated in the Fund for administration expenses.

6. The Attorney General, in consultation with the Bureau of Consumer Protection, shall adopt regulations to carry out the provisions of sections 2 to 12, inclusive, of this act.

7. As used in this section:

(a) "Digital citizenship" means the responsible, ethical and safe use of digital technology, including, without limitation, knowledge of the following topics:

(1) The safe and secure use of digital technology;

(2) Respectful behaviors and etiquette for engaging with other persons through digital technology;

(3) Media literacy;

(4) Digital rights and responsibilities; and

(5) Digital health and wellness.

(b) "Digital literacy" means the ability to safely access, analyze, evaluate, create and communicate information using digital technology, including, without limitation, the application of

critical thinking skills to assess the credibility, risk and impact of accessing information using digital technology.

(c) "Parent" means a parent or legal guardian of a child.

Sec. 10. *1. A recipient of a grant from the Fund shall:*

(a) Establish objectives of the program or service to be funded by the grant;

(b) Establish performance metrics for the program or service;

(c) Conduct evaluations of the outcomes of such program or service; and

(d) Report the results of such evaluations to the Attorney General and the Bureau of Consumer Protection on a form prescribed by the Attorney General.

2. To the extent authorized by the terms of any judgment or settlement described in subsection 1 of section 9 of this act, the recipient of a grant pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 2 of section 9 of this act may not use more than 5 percent of the grant for administrative expenses related to the grant or the projects and services supported by the grant.

3. A recipient of a grant from the Fund shall not use the grant money:

(a) In violation of any of the requirements for a grant established pursuant to sections 2 to 12, inclusive, of this act or any regulations adopted pursuant thereto; or

(b) For marketing, lobbying or any other activity that primarily promotes the use of digital technology by children.

4. A violation of subsection 2 or 3 constitutes a deceptive trade practice for the purposes of NRS 598.0903 to 598.0999, inclusive.

Sec. 11. *1. In addition to the requirements of subsection 1 of section 9 of this act, the Attorney General, in consultation with the Bureau of Consumer Protection, shall establish reporting requirements for a recipient of money from the Fund, including, without limitation, a period of time in which a report must be made which must not exceed 1 year.*

2. The requirements established by the Attorney General for reports pursuant to subsection 1 must require the report to include, without limitation:

(a) The name and address of the recipient;

(b) The nature of the recipient;

(c) A description of how the allocated money was expended;

(d) The type of activities that were funded by the grant, if not included in the description required pursuant to paragraph (c);

(e) The number of people served by the expenditure of the allocated grant money and, to the extent available, information

concerning the income level, age, race or ethnicity of such persons;

(f) Information concerning the geographic distribution by county of persons served;

(g) The performance metrics of the program or service;

(h) The evaluations of the outcomes of the program or service;

(i) The results and impacts of the program or service;

(j) A list of any partnerships of the program or service; and

(k) Any other information required by the Attorney General.

Sec. 12. *1. The Attorney General, in consultation with the Bureau of Consumer Protection, shall evaluate each program or service of a recipient that is allocated a grant pursuant to section 9 of this act to determine the effectiveness of the program or service based on the report submitted pursuant to section 11 of this act. If the Attorney General determines that a program or service is not effective, the Attorney General may require the recipient to modify the program or service.*

2. The Attorney General may suspend or revoke a grant to a recipient that fails to:

(a) Comply with the requirements of the grant established pursuant to sections 2 to 12, inclusive, of this act or any regulations adopted pursuant thereto; or

(b) Demonstrate reasonable progress toward the performance metrics of the program or service.

3. If the Attorney General suspends or revokes a grant pursuant to subsection 2, the Attorney General may recover any money allocated to the recipient from the Fund that has not been expended.

4. The Attorney General is entitled to audit, examine or inspect the books and records of each recipient of a grant at any time regarding the use of money received from the Fund.

Sec. 13. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2027.

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