



SENATE BILL 408: No High Risk Apps/Gov't Networks & Devices.

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OVERVIEW: *Senate Bill 408 would prohibit employees of and persons contracting with the State or local political subdivisions of the State from using TikTok and WeChat on government devices.*

CURRENT LAW: G.S. 14-456 provides: "Any person who willfully and without authorization denies or causes the denial of computer, computer program, computer system, or computer network services to an authorized user of the computer, computer program, computer system, or computer network services is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor."

G.S. 14-456.1 provides: "Any person who willfully and without authorization denies or causes the denial of government computer services is guilty of a Class H felony."

BILL ANALYSIS: Senate Bill 408 would do the following:

- Define "covered application" as (1) "TikTok or any successor application or service developed or provided by ByteDance Limited or an entity owned by ByteDance Limited" and (2) "WeChat or any successor application or service developed or provided by Tencent Holdings Limited or an entity owned by Tencent Holdings Limited."
- Prohibit employees of the State and employees of local political subdivisions of the State from downloading or using any covered application or accessing the website of a covered application on or while using a government-issued device or information technology.
- Prohibit persons contracting with the State, or with local political subdivisions of the State, from accessing, downloading, or using a covered application on equipment owned or leased by the State or by a local political subdivision of the State.
- Forbid any person from accessing, downloading, or using a covered application on any government-issued device.
- Require State agencies and local political subdivisions of the State to restrict access to covered applications' websites on government-issued devices and information technology.
- Mandate that covered applications be removed, deleted, and uninstalled from government-issued devices no later than 30 days after the enactment of the bill.
- Clarify that the bill would not prevent prosecutorial, law enforcement agencies and employees of the State Auditor engaged in investigations from accessing covered applications for prosecutorial, law enforcement, and investigative purposes.

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- Require the Department of Information Technology and the Department of Public Safety to develop guidelines for prosecutorial and law enforcement access to covered applications by March 1, 2026.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The bill would become effective when it becomes law.

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