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**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. SCHRIER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**A BILL**

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SOCIAL MEDIA AND PEDIATRIC MENTAL**  
4 **HEALTH WORKING GROUP.**

5 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 90 days after  
6 the date of enactment of this Act, the Federal Trade Com-

1 mission and the Director of the Centers for Disease Con-  
2 trol and Prevention, acting jointly, shall establish a work-  
3 ing group, to be known as the Social Media and Pediatric  
4 Mental Health Working Group (in this Act referred to as  
5 the “Working Group”).

6 (b) DUTIES.—The Working Group shall, with respect  
7 to the impacts of screen time and social media usage on  
8 pediatric and adolescent behavioral health and health out-  
9 comes—

10 (1) convene meetings pursuant to subsection  
11 (f);

12 (2) collect and analyze information concerning  
13 the impacts of screen time and social media usage  
14 on pediatric and adolescent behavioral health and  
15 health outcomes;

16 (3) consult with relevant agencies, experts, and  
17 stakeholders about such impacts; and

18 (4) submit the report required by subsection  
19 (g).

20 (c) MEMBERSHIP.—

21 (1) APPOINTMENT.—Not later than 90 days  
22 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Federal  
23 Trade Commission and the Director of the Centers  
24 for Disease Control and Prevention, acting jointly,

1 shall appoint all of the members of the Working  
2 Group.

3 (2) COMPOSITION.—The Working Group shall  
4 consist of not more than 25 members, including—

5 (A) at least two representatives of the Fed-  
6 eral Trade Commission;

7 (B) at least two representatives of the  
8 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention;

9 (C) practicing developmental-behavioral pe-  
10 diatricians, such as specialists in cognitive, so-  
11 cial, behavioral, psychological, and emotional  
12 development;

13 (D) practicing primary care providers who  
14 serve children and adolescents and participate  
15 in integrated health models;

16 (E) researchers at centers of excellence,  
17 pediatric hospitals, or established universities  
18 who are focused on health outcomes related to  
19 pediatric and adolescent screen time and social  
20 media usage;

21 (F) educators, social workers, and rep-  
22 resentatives of nonprofit organizations who  
23 work with children and adolescents and have  
24 contributed to the research concerning health  
25 and behavioral and mental health outcomes of

1 children and adolescents related to screen time  
2 and social media usage; and

3 (G) other researchers, health care pro-  
4 viders, or others individuals with expertise in  
5 adolescent cyberbullying, social comparison,  
6 misinformation, addiction, overuse, grooming or  
7 predatory behavior, privacy, or other subject  
8 areas that are deemed by the Federal Trade  
9 Commission and the Director of the Centers for  
10 Disease Control and Prevention to be needed  
11 for purposes of the Working Group's duties.

12 (d) CHAIR.—The Chair of the Working Group shall  
13 be elected by the Working Group from among its members  
14 by majority vote at the initial meeting of the Working  
15 Group.

16 (e) QUORUM.—A majority of the members of the  
17 Working Group shall constitute a quorum.

18 (f) MEETINGS.—The Working Group shall—

19 (1) meet at least three times; and

20 (2) complete its final meeting not later than 1  
21 year after the date of enactment of this Act.

22 (g) REPORT.—

23 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after  
24 completing its final meeting in accordance with sub-  
25 section (f)(2), the Working Group shall publish and

1 submit to the Congress a report on the impacts of  
2 screen time and social media usage on pediatric and  
3 adolescent behavioral health and health outcomes.

4 (2) CONTENTS.—The report under paragraph  
5 (1) shall—

6 (A) aggregate existing research to identify  
7 trends and impacts of screen time and social  
8 media usage on pediatric and adolescent behav-  
9 ioral health and health outcomes;

10 (B) identify gaps in research on the im-  
11 pacts of screen time and social media usage on  
12 pediatric and adolescent behavioral health and  
13 health outcomes; and

14 (C) include recommendations for agency,  
15 legislative, and private sector actions to ensure  
16 that such impacts do not adversely affect pedi-  
17 atric and adolescent behavioral health and  
18 health outcomes.

19 (h) DISSEMINATION OF REPORT.—The Federal  
20 Trade Commission and the Director of the Centers for  
21 Disease Control and Prevention, acting jointly, shall each  
22 post on the public website thereof and disseminate to cen-  
23 ters of excellence, universities, and other relevant stake-  
24 holders—

1           (1) the minutes of each meeting under sub-  
2           section (f); and

3           (2) the report under subsection (g).

4           (i) **TERMINATION.**—Subject to subsection (j), the  
5 Working Group shall terminate upon submitting its report  
6 in accordance with subsection (g).

7           (j) **RECONVENING.**—The Federal Trade Commission  
8 and the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and  
9 Prevention may, consistent with the Federal Advisory  
10 Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.), reconvene the Working  
11 Group after its termination under subsection (i) if fol-  
12 lowup, clarification, or further discussion is needed with  
13 respect to the impacts of screen time and social media  
14 usage on pediatric and adolescent behavioral health and  
15 health outcomes.

16 **SEC. 2. RULEMAKING AUTHORITY.**

17           In accordance with section 553 of title 5, United  
18 States Code, the Federal Trade Commission and the Di-  
19 rector of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention,  
20 acting pursuant to authorities vested in such agencies by  
21 provisions of law other than this Act—

22           (1) not more than 90 days after the submission  
23           of the report required by section 1(g), shall each—

1           (A) publish a proposed rule taking into  
2           consideration the findings, conclusions, and rec-  
3           ommendations in such report; and

4           (B) identify in the proposed rule the spe-  
5           cific parts of such report that informed the  
6           rule; and

7           (2) not later than 90 days after the close of the  
8           60-day comment period on the respective proposed  
9           rule, shall each issue a final rule pursuant to such  
10          proposed rule.