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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

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Version: As Reported by House Technology and Innovation

Primary Sponsors: Reps. Schmidt and Swearingen

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

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Highlights

- The Department of Administrative Services and other state agencies may incur minimal costs to implement prohibitions on the installation and use of certain software applications, including TikTok and WeChat, on equipment owned or leased by the state.

Detailed Analysis

The Department of Administrative Services (DAS) will likely incur minimal costs to implement prohibitions on the use of covered applications under the bill. Some state agencies that own or lease information technology (IT) equipment outside of DAS's oversight may also incur some minimal costs. The bill prohibits the use of TikTok or WeChat or any successor application or service developed or provided by those applications' parent companies, ByteDance Ltd. and Tencent Holdings Ltd., or an entity owned by one of those companies from being downloaded, installed, or used on any equipment owned or leased by a state agency. Additionally, the bill requires any instances of these applications to be removed from equipment owned or leased by the state and that state agencies take measures to prevent the use of these applications in the future. The bill requires the State Chief Information Officer to adopt rules to implement these prohibitions.

The bill provides exceptions to the prohibitions to allow a qualified person to download, install, or use a covered application for law enforcement or IT security purposes, so long as the person takes appropriate measures to mitigate the security risks involved in doing so.