

HB715 • Maryland

Algorithmic Addiction Fund – Establishment

Introduced

Risk: Medium

Comprehensive

Last Action (Feb 17, 2026): Hearing 3/10 at 1:00 p.m. (Appropriations)

Summary

The bill establishes the Algorithmic Addiction Fund to address harms to children from social media algorithms, administered by the Maryland Department of Health.

Business Impact

If you operate social media platforms in Maryland, you must contribute to the Algorithmic Addiction Fund by January 1, 2025, or face penalties.

Key Provisions

- Establishes the Algorithmic Addiction Fund administered by the Maryland Department of Health.
- Fund consists of civil penalties from judgments related to harm to children from social media algorithms.
- Requires annual reporting to the General Assembly on algorithmic addiction intervention services.

Compliance Checklist

- Administer the Algorithmic Addiction Fund | Who: Maryland Department of Health
- Report on algorithmic addiction intervention services | Who: Secretary of Health

Industries Affected

Healthcare

Health Care

Law Enforcement

Technology

Topics

Bill Sponsors

Name	Party	Role
Acevero		Cosponsor
Barve		Cosponsor
Boyce		Cosponsor
Conaway		Cosponsor
Cox		Cosponsor
Crutchfield		Primary
Cullison		Cosponsor
Dumais		Cosponsor
Guyton		Cosponsor
Haynes		Cosponsor
Hill		Cosponsor
Ivey		Cosponsor

Related Bills

- SB602 (MD)
- HB1119 (MD)
- SB739 (MD)

Official Source

<https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgaweb/Legislation/Details/HB0715?ys=2026RS>

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