



## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am signing Assembly Bill 1043, which would establish a much-needed system of age verification for users of mobile devices and computers. Parents who allow their child to be the main user of a device will be able to configure the device to inform application developers of the child's age. This, in turn, will assist parents in ensuring that their children are downloading and using age-appropriate applications.

Streaming services and video game developers contend that this bill's framework, while well-suited to traditional software applications, does not fit their respective products. Many of these companies have existing age verification systems in place, addressing complexities such as multi-user accounts shared by a family and user profiles utilized across multiple devices. As this bill does not take effect until January 1, 2027, I urge the Legislature to enact legislation in 2026 to address these particular concerns.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom