

# Protect ALL Children: A THREE-TIERED APPROACH

## 1 Give more kids a chance! H.F. 3402/S.F. 3714 Ban high-capacity ammunition magazines!

### WHAT ARE HIGH-CAPACITY MAGAZINES?

- Feeding devices that hold **more than 10 rounds** of ammunition
- Allow a shooter to continuously fire bullets **without reloading**

### HOW POWERFUL ARE THEY?

- Some magazines hold **up to 100 rounds**
- Standard high-capacity magazines hold **30 rounds**
- The larger the magazine, the longer a person can shoot without interruption. In mass shootings, this reduces opportunities to escape, linking the device to **higher casualty counts**.



### ALARMING STATISTICS

In mass shootings where 4+ people were killed (2015-2022), incidents with high-capacity magazines led to:

- More than twice as many people killed
- Nearly 10x more people wounded per incident (on average)<sup>1</sup>
- Nearly 5x more people shot per incident (on average)<sup>2</sup>

### LEGAL STATUS?

- From 1994-2004, magazines **holding more than 10 rounds** were prohibited under the Federal Assault Weapons Ban
- Today, **14 states** have bans in place<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.everytown.org/solutions/prohibit-high-capacity-magazines/#myth-fact>

<sup>2</sup> [https://everytownresearch.org/stat/mass-shooting-high-capacity-magazine-people-shot/?\\_gl=1\\*vu6hrk\\*\\_gcl\\_au\\*MjU0NjM5NDk3LjE3NjY1NDI4NzY](https://everytownresearch.org/stat/mass-shooting-high-capacity-magazine-people-shot/?_gl=1*vu6hrk*_gcl_au*MjU0NjM5NDk3LjE3NjY1NDI4NzY)

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.everytown.org/solutions/prohibit-high-capacity-magazines/#why-does-it-need-to-be-solved>

## 2 HELP KEEP STUDENTS SAFE AT SCHOOL: EXPAND SAFE SCHOOLS FUNDING H.F. 3493/S.F. 5111

School safety is a concern for every school—public, nonpublic, charter, and tribal. When one school is vulnerable, all schools are vulnerable. Parents, students, educators, and volunteers deserve a clear commitment from the State of Minnesota to invest in protecting every child and adult in our schools.

### OUR RECOMMENDATION:

- **Extend Safe Schools Program** eligibility to nonpublic, charter, and tribal schools
- Provide **at least \$36 per enrolled student** in state aid
- **Increase state aid and school board-approved levy authority** to ensure school districts have long-term, sustainable resources to meet ongoing safety needs

A broad coalition of Minnesota organizations representing more than 72,000 students agrees: **Increase safe schools funding!**

### OTHER STATES ARE ACTING:

- Religious and independent schools in **New York are guaranteed \$165/pupil** for health, safety, and security expenses
- In New Jersey, nonpublic school security is funded at **\$205/pupil**



### Take Action!

Scan the QR Code or visit [mncatholic.org/protectourkids](https://mncatholic.org/protectourkids)

# 3 Stop the Harms of Addictive Social Media (SHASM)

An Effort to Empower Parents and Protect Youth's Experience Online

H.F. 4138/S.F. 4696





## THE PROBLEM

Social media platforms (SMPs) are addictive by design, and this has created mental health challenges for today's youth. In reality, parents cannot combat the impact of social media alone. They are looking for help. The current "safeguards" tech corporations have implemented for youth users have proven ineffective. We can do more!

## CURRENT "SOLUTIONS" ARE NOT CUTTING IT

By the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA), 13 years old is the required age to open a social media account, but **nearly 40 percent of children between the ages of eight and 12 have accounts.**

 A recent study found that at least 30 of the 47 safety features promoted by *Instagram for Kids* are either ineffective or no longer available.

 20 of the safety features on *Instagram for Kids* could be circumvented or evaded in three minutes or less.

## HOW SHASM WORKS:

Child wants to make a profile on a popular social media platform.



Child sees she is required to obtain parental consent since she is under 16 years old.



Child starts process of obtaining necessary permissions.

### SCENARIO #1:

Parent does not agree to provide consent.



Child is unable to create an account.

*If the child decides to lie about her age to get around the initial creation, the platform, by observing her activity, which it already does to target content towards her, will likely recognize she is under 16 and force her to receive verifiable parental consent before returning to the platform.*

### SCENARIO #2:

Parent agrees to provide consent.



Parent provides the platform with required permission, allowing the child to create an account with increased protections.

### Protections for users 15 and under:

- All privacy settings set by default
- Parents can monitor the amount of time their child spends on platform
- Parents can set time limits for social media use
- SMP cannot present addictive features in feed (ex. auto-play of videos)
- Prohibition of targeted advertising towards youth

## VERIFIABLE PARENTAL CONSENT:

The FTC provides guidance for forms of Verifiable Parental Consent, such as a parent providing a signed consent form sent via fax, mail, or e-scan or verifying the parents photo ID, followed against a second photo of parent submission using facial recognition technology.

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