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1 A bill to be entitled 2 An act relating to public school instruction; 3 providing a short title; amending s. 1003.42, F.S.; 4 requiring the instructional staff of public schools to 5 provide instruction to certain students about the 6 responsible use of social media by a specified school 7 year; requiring the Commissioner of Education to 8 provide school districts with certain information; 9 providing an effective date. 10 11 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 12 13 Section 1. This act may be cited as the "Social Media Awareness and Responsibility Teaching (SMART) Education Act." 14 15 Section 2. Paragraph (u) is added to subsection (2) of 16 section 1003.42, Florida Statutes, to read: 17 1003.42 Required instruction.-Members of the instructional staff of the public 18 (2)schools, subject to the rules of the State Board of Education 19 20 and the district school board, shall teach efficiently and 21 faithfully, using the books and materials required that meet the 22 highest standards for professionalism and historic accuracy, 23 following the prescribed courses of study, and employing approved methods of instruction, the following: 24 25 Responsible use of social media. Beginning in the (u) 26 2016-2017 school year, such instruction is required for students

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27	in grades 5 and 6. Each school district shall incorporate
28	instruction on the responsible use of social media into the
29	curriculum for students in grade 5 and shall incorporate a
30	review of that material into the social studies curriculum for
31	students in grade 6. The instruction must provide students with
32	information on the purpose and acceptable use of various social
33	media platforms; social media behavior that ensures cybersafety,
34	cybersecurity, and cyberethics; and the potential negative
35	consequences, including cyberbullying, of failing to use various
36	social media platforms responsibly. The Commissioner of
37	Education shall provide school districts with sample learning
38	activities and resources designed to promote the responsible use
39	of social media.
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41	The State Board of Education is encouraged to adopt standards
42	and pursue assessment of the requirements of this subsection.
43	Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016.

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