

By Senator Burgess

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2       An act relating to required instruction in public  
3       schools; amending s. 1003.42, F.S.; requiring members  
4       of the instructional staff of public schools to  
5       provide instruction on social media literacy; defining  
6       the term "social media"; requiring district school  
7       boards to make social media literacy instructional  
8       material available online; providing an effective  
9       date.

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11 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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13       Section 1. Paragraph (u) is added to subsection (2) of  
14       section 1003.42, Florida Statutes, to read:

15       1003.42 Required instruction.—

16       (2) Members of the instructional staff of the public  
17       schools, subject to the rules of the State Board of Education  
18       and the district school board, shall teach efficiently and  
19       faithfully, using the books and materials required that meet the  
20       highest standards for professionalism and historical accuracy,  
21       following the prescribed courses of study, and employing  
22       approved methods of instruction, the following:

23       (u) Social media literacy. For purposes of this paragraph,  
24       "social media" means a form of interactive electronic  
25       communication through an Internet website or application by  
26       which a user creates a service-specific identifying user profile  
27       to connect with other users of the Internet website or  
28       application for the purpose of communicating and sharing  
29       information, ideas, news, stories, opinions, images, and other

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30 content. District school boards shall make social media literacy  
31 instructional material available online and notify parents of  
32 the material's online availability.

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34 The State Board of Education is encouraged to adopt standards  
35 and pursue assessment of the requirements of this subsection. A  
36 character development program that incorporates the values of  
37 the recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor and that is  
38 offered as part of a social studies, English Language Arts, or  
39 other schoolwide character building and veteran awareness  
40 initiative meets the requirements of paragraphs (s) and (t).

41 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.