

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to technology in K-12 public schools;
3 amending s. 1003.02, F.S.; prohibiting certain devices
4 from accessing websites, web applications, and
5 software that fail to have specified Internet safety
6 policies; providing for the filtering of Internet
7 websites on student devices using district-owned
8 computer servers for a specified purpose; prohibiting
9 the use of specified platforms on certain devices and
10 for specified school district purposes; amending s.
11 1003.32, F.S.; authorizing teachers and other
12 instructional personnel to designate an area for
13 wireless communications during instructional time;
14 amending s. 1003.42, F.S.; revising the requirements
15 for K-12 instruction on health education to include
16 specified instruction relating to social media for
17 students in certain grades; providing requirements for
18 such instruction; amending s. 1006.07, F.S.; requiring
19 school districts' codes of student conduct to prohibit
20 the use of specified devices during instructional time
21 and authorize teachers to withhold specified devices;
22 providing an effective date.

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24 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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26 Section 1. Paragraph (g) of subsection (1) of section
 27 1003.02, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

28 1003.02 District school board operation and control of
 29 public K-12 education within the school district.—As provided in
 30 part II of chapter 1001, district school boards are
 31 constitutionally and statutorily charged with the operation and
 32 control of public K-12 education within their school districts.
 33 The district school boards must establish, organize, and operate
 34 their public K-12 schools and educational programs, employees,
 35 and facilities. Their responsibilities include staff
 36 development, public K-12 school student education including
 37 education for exceptional students and students in juvenile
 38 justice programs, special programs, adult education programs,
 39 and career education programs. Additionally, district school
 40 boards must:

41 (1) Provide for the proper accounting for all students of
 42 school age, for the attendance and control of students at
 43 school, and for proper attention to health, safety, and other
 44 matters relating to the welfare of students in the following
 45 areas:

46 (g) School operation.—

47 1. Provide for the operation of all public schools as free
 48 schools for a term of 180 days or the equivalent on an hourly
 49 basis as specified by rules of the State Board of Education;
 50 determine district school funds necessary in addition to state

51 funds to operate all schools for the minimum term; and arrange
52 for the levying of district school taxes necessary to provide
53 the amount needed from district sources.

54 2. Prepare, adopt, and timely submit to the Department of
55 Education, as required by law and by rules of the State Board of
56 Education, the annual school budget, so as to promote the
57 improvement of the district school system.

58 3. Prohibit devices using district-owned computer servers
59 and district-owned devices from accessing any website, web
60 application, or software that does not have an Internet safety
61 policy that addresses all of the following:

62 a. Access by minors to inappropriate subject matter and
63 harmful materials on the Internet and measures restricting
64 minors' access to such subject matter and materials.

65 b. The safety and security of minors when using e-mail,
66 chat rooms, and other forms of direct electronic communications.

67 c. Unauthorized access by minors to data or information,
68 including so-called "hacking," and other unlawful online
69 activities by minors.

70 d. Unauthorized disclosure, use, or dissemination of
71 minors' personal information.

72 4. Provide for the filtering of Internet websites so that
73 a student device cannot connect to social media sites using
74 district-owned computer servers.

75 5. Prohibit the use of the TikTok platform or any

76 successor application or service on district-owned devices or as
 77 a platform to communicate or promote any district school,
 78 school-sponsored club, extracurricular organization, or athletic
 79 team.

80 Section 2. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section
 81 1003.32, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

82 1003.32 Authority of teacher; responsibility for control
 83 of students; district school board and principal duties.—Subject
 84 to law and to the rules of the district school board, each
 85 teacher or other member of the staff of any school shall have
 86 such authority for the control and discipline of students as may
 87 be assigned to him or her by the principal or the principal's
 88 designated representative and shall keep good order in the
 89 classroom and in other places in which he or she is assigned to
 90 be in charge of students.

91 (1) In accordance with this section and within the
 92 framework of the district school board's code of student
 93 conduct, teachers and other instructional personnel shall have
 94 the authority to undertake any of the following actions in
 95 managing student behavior and ensuring the safety of all
 96 students in their classes and school and their opportunity to
 97 learn in an orderly and disciplined classroom:

98 (a) Establish classroom rules of conduct, including
 99 designating an area for wireless communications devices during
 100 instructional time.

101 Section 3. Paragraph (n) of subsection (2) of section
 102 1003.42, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

103 1003.42 Required instruction.—

104 (2) Members of the instructional staff of the public
 105 schools, subject to the rules of the State Board of Education
 106 and the district school board, shall teach efficiently and
 107 faithfully, using the books and materials required that meet the
 108 highest standards for professionalism and historical accuracy,
 109 following the prescribed courses of study, and employing
 110 approved methods of instruction, the following:

111 (n) Comprehensive age-appropriate and developmentally
 112 appropriate K-12 instruction on:

113 1. Health education that addresses concepts of community
 114 health, consumer health, environmental health, and family life,
 115 including:

116 a. Injury prevention and safety.

117 ~~b. Internet safety.~~

118 ~~b.e.~~ Nutrition.

119 ~~c.d.~~ Personal health.

120 ~~d.e.~~ Prevention and control of disease.

121 ~~e.f.~~ Substance use and abuse.

122 ~~f.g.~~ Prevention of child sexual abuse, exploitation, and
 123 human trafficking.

124 2. For students in grades 7 through 12, teen dating
 125 violence and abuse. This component must include, but not be

126 | limited to, the definition of dating violence and abuse, the
127 | warning signs of dating violence and abusive behavior, the
128 | characteristics of healthy relationships, measures to prevent
129 | and stop dating violence and abuse, and community resources
130 | available to victims of dating violence and abuse.

131 | 3. For students in grades 6 through 12, awareness of the
132 | benefits of sexual abstinence as the expected standard and the
133 | consequences of teenage pregnancy.

134 | 4. Life skills that build confidence, support mental and
135 | emotional health, and enable students to overcome challenges,
136 | including:

137 | a. Self-awareness and self-management.

138 | b. Responsible decisionmaking.

139 | c. Resiliency.

140 | d. Relationship skills and conflict resolution.

141 | e. Understanding and respecting other viewpoints and
142 | backgrounds.

143 | f. For grades 9 through 12, developing leadership skills,
144 | interpersonal skills, organization skills, and research skills;
145 | creating a resume, including a digital resume; exploring career
146 | pathways; using state career planning resources; developing and
147 | practicing the skills necessary for employment interviews;
148 | workplace ethics and workplace law; managing stress and
149 | expectations; and self-motivation.

150 | 5. For students in grades 6 through 12, the social,

151 emotional, and physical effects of social media. This component
 152 must include, but not be limited to, the negative effects of
 153 social media on mental health, including addiction; the
 154 distribution of misinformation on social media; how social media
 155 manipulates behavior; the permanency of material shared online;
 156 how to maintain personal security and identify cyberbullying,
 157 predatory behavior, and human trafficking online; and how to
 158 report suspicious behavior online. The Department of Education
 159 shall make the instructional materials used to provide
 160 instruction pursuant to this subparagraph available online and
 161 district school boards shall notify parents of its availability.

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 163 Health education and life skills instruction and materials may
 164 not contradict the principles enumerated in subsection (3).
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166 The State Board of Education is encouraged to adopt standards
 167 and pursue assessment of the requirements of this subsection.
 168 Instructional programming that incorporates the values of the
 169 recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor and that is
 170 offered as part of a social studies, English Language Arts, or
 171 other schoolwide character building and veteran awareness
 172 initiative meets the requirements of paragraph (t).

173 Section 4. Paragraph (f) of subsection (2) of section
 174 1006.07, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

175 1006.07 District school board duties relating to student

176 discipline and school safety.—The district school board shall
177 provide for the proper accounting for all students, for the
178 attendance and control of students at school, and for proper
179 attention to health, safety, and other matters relating to the
180 welfare of students, including:

181 (2) CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT.—Adopt a code of student
182 conduct for elementary schools and a code of student conduct for
183 middle and high schools and distribute the appropriate code to
184 all teachers, school personnel, students, and parents, at the
185 beginning of every school year. Each code shall be organized and
186 written in language that is understandable to students and
187 parents and shall be discussed at the beginning of every school
188 year in student classes, school advisory council meetings, and
189 parent and teacher association or organization meetings. Each
190 code shall be based on the rules governing student conduct and
191 discipline adopted by the district school board and shall be
192 made available in the student handbook or similar publication.
193 Each code shall include, but is not limited to:

194 (f) Notice that use of a wireless communications device
195 includes the possibility of the imposition of disciplinary
196 action by the school or criminal penalties if the device is used
197 in a criminal act. A student may possess a wireless
198 communications device while the student is on school property or
199 in attendance at a school function. Each district school board
200 shall adopt rules governing the use of a wireless communications

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201 | device by a student while the student is on school property or
202 | in attendance at a school function. Such rules must prohibit the
203 | use of wireless communications devices during instructional time
204 | and may authorize a teacher to withhold a student's wireless
205 | communications device.

206 | Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.