A bill to be entitled
An act relating to required instruction in public
schools; amending s. 1003.42, F.S.; requiring members
of the instructional staff of public schools to
provide instruction on social media safety; defining
the term “social media”; requiring the Department of
Education to make social media safety instructional
material available online; requiring district school
boards to notify parents of the availability of the
instructional material; providing an effective date.

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

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

1003.42 Required instruction.—
(2) Members of the instructional staff of the public
schools, subject to the rules of the State Board of Education
and the district school board, shall teach efficiently and
faithfully, using the books and materials required that meet the
highest standards for professionalism and historical accuracy,
following the prescribed courses of study, and employing
approved methods of instruction, the following:

(u) Social media safety. For purposes of this paragraph,
the term “social media” means a form of interactive electronic
communication through an Internet website or application by
which a user creates a service-specific identifying user profile
to connect with other users of the Internet website or
application for the purpose of communicating and sharing
information, ideas, news, stories, opinions, images, videos, and other content. The Department of Education shall make social media safety instructional material available online and district school boards shall notify parents of the material’s online availability.

The State Board of Education is encouraged to adopt standards and pursue assessment of the requirements of this subsection. Instructional programming that incorporates the values of the recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor and that is offered as part of a social studies, English Language Arts, or other schoolwide character building and veteran awareness initiative meets the requirements of paragraph (t).

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.