

HB 361

2022

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