By Senator Burgess

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 literacy; defining the term “social media”; requiring district school boards to make social media literacy instructional material available online; 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 literacy. For purposes of this paragraph, “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, and other

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content. District school boards shall make social media literacy instructional material available online and 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. A character development program 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 paragraphs (s) and (t).

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