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1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to student use of social media
3	platforms; amending s. 1003.42, F.S.; requiring
4	students in specified grades receive instruction on
5	social media safety; providing requirements for such
6	instruction; requiring the Department of Education to
7	prepare and offer the curriculum and instructional
8	materials for such instruction; requiring the
9	curriculum and instructional materials to be published
10	on specified websites; requiring school district to
11	notify parents of the availability of such curriculum
12	and instructional materials; creating s. 1006.1494,
13	F.S.; requiring each school district to prohibit and
14	prevent students from accessing social media platforms
15	through the use of Internet access provided by the
16	school district; providing an effective date.
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18	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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20	Section 1. Paragraph (u) is added to subsection (2) of
21	section 1003.42, Florida Statutes, to read:
22	1003.42 Required instruction
23	(2) Members of the instructional staff of the public
24	schools, subject to the rules of the State Board of Education
25	and the district school board, shall teach efficiently and
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26	faithfully, using the books and materials required that meet the
27	highest standards for professionalism and historical accuracy,
28	following the prescribed courses of study, and employing
29	approved methods of instruction, the following:
30	(u) Age-appropriate and developmentally appropriate
31	instruction on social media safety for students in grades 6
32	through 12. The department shall prepare and offer curriculum,
33	including instructional materials, for the instruction required
34	by this paragraph. Such instructional materials must be
35	published on the department's and each school district's
36	websites. Each school district must notify parents that such
37	instructional materials are available on the department's and
38	school district's websites. The social media safety instruction
39	must include:
40	1. The advantages of social media use. Such instruction
41	may only include career and resume building for future academic
42	or employment opportunities, sharing information with familiar
43	family and friends, and safely connecting with other users with
44	alike interests.
45	2. The risks of social media use, including, but not
46	limited to, social media addiction, publication of
47	misinformation, negative effects on mental health, and the
48	permanent nature of content created on social media.
49	3. How to safely use social media, including, but not
50	limited to, maintaining personal security, preventing
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51	oversharing of personal information, identifying predatory
52	behavior, and reporting suspicious behavior.
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54	The State Board of Education is encouraged to adopt standards
55	and pursue assessment of the requirements of this subsection.
56	Instructional programming that incorporates the values of the
57	recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor and that is
58	offered as part of a social studies, English Language Arts, or
59	other schoolwide character building and veteran awareness
60	initiative meets the requirements of paragraph (t).
61	Section 2. Section 1006.1494, Florida Statutes, is created
62	to read:
63	1006.1494 Prohibiting student access to social media
64	platforms.—Each school district must prohibit and prevent
65	students from accessing social media platforms through the use
66	of Internet access provided by the school district.
67	Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.
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