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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate Comm: RCS 02/07/2023 House

The Committee on Education Pre-K -12 (Burgess) recommended the following:

online availability. The material must include age-appropriate

and developmentally appropriate instruction on social media

safety for students in grades 6 through 12 and focus on the

Senate Substitute for Amendment (188764) (with title amendment)

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social, emotional, and physical effects of social media and promote best practices in digital citizenship. For purposes of

and insert:

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Delete lines 34 - 42

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| 11 | this requirement, "digital citizenship" means the norms of       |
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| 12 | appropriate, responsible, and healthy behavior related to social |
| 13 | media, including digital literacy, ethics, etiquette, and        |
| 14 | security. The social media safety instruction must include:      |
| 15 | 1. The advantages of social media use. Such instruction may      |
| 16 | only include career and resume building for future academic or   |
| 17 | employment opportunities, sharing information with familiar      |
| 18 | family and friends, and safely connecting with other users with  |
| 19 | like interests.  |
| 20 | 2. The risks of social media, including, but not limited         |
| 21 | to, social media addiction, publication of misinformation,       |
| 22 | negative effects on mental health, and the permanent nature of   |
| 23 | content shared online.   |
| 24 | 3. How to safely use social media, including, but not            |
| 25 | limited to, maintaining personal security, preventing            |
| 26 | oversharing of personal information, identifying predatory       |
| 27 | behavior and human trafficking, and reporting suspicious         |
| 28 | behavior.  |
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| 30 | The State Board of Education is encouraged to adopt standards    |
| 31 | and pursue assessment of the requirements of this subsection.    |
| 32 | Instructional programming that incorporates the values of the    |
| 33 | recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor and that is       |
| 34 | offered as part of a social studies, English Language Arts, or   |
| 35 | other schoolwide character building and veteran awareness        |
| 36 | initiative meets the requirements of paragraph (t).              |
| 37 | Section 1. Section 1006.1494, Florida Statutes, is created       |
| 38 | to read:   |
| 39 | 1006.1494 Prohibiting student access to social media             |
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| 40 | platforms.—Each school district shall prohibit and prevent                |
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| 41 | students from accessing social media platforms through the use            |
| 42 | of Internet access provided by the school district.                       |
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| 44 | =========== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T ================================= |
| 45 | And the title is amended as follows:                                      |
| 46 | Delete lines 2 - 10   |
| 47 | and insert:   |
| 48 | An act relating to student use of social media                            |
| 49 | platforms; amending s. 1003.42, F.S.; requiring                           |
| 50 | members of the instructional staff of public schools                      |
| 51 | to provide instruction on social media safety;                            |
| 52 | defining the term "social media"; requiring the                           |
| 53 | Department of Education to make social media safety                       |
| 54 | instructional material available online; requiring                        |
| 55 | district school boards to notify parents of the                           |
| 56 | availability of the instructional material; providing                     |
| 57 | requirements for the instructional material developed                     |
| 58 | by the department; defining the term "digital                             |
| 59 | citizenship"; specifying required components of the                       |
| 60 | instructional material; creating s. 1006.1494, F.S.;                      |
| 61 | requiring each school district to prohibit and prevent                    |
| 62 | students from accessing social media platforms through                    |
| 63 | the use of Internet access provided by the school                         |
| 64 | district; providing an effective date.                                    |
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