

By Senator Burgess

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

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

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

16 1003.42 Required instruction.—

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

24 (u) Social media safety. For purposes of this paragraph,
25 the term "social media" means a form of interactive electronic
26 communication through an Internet website or application by
27 which a user creates a service-specific identifying user profile
28 to connect with other users of the Internet website or
29 application for the purpose of communicating and sharing

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30 information, ideas, news, stories, opinions, images, videos, and
31 other content. The Department of Education shall make social
32 media safety instructional material available online and
33 district school boards shall notify parents of the material's
34 online availability.

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

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