

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

SB 211 # 3

DIGEST

Internet safety instruction. Provides that a school corporation may include instruction regarding Internet safety in the school corporation's curriculum. Requires the department of education to approve previously developed age appropriate curricula concerning Internet safety not later than July 1, 2025.

- 1 Page 4, after line 18, begin a new paragraph and insert:
2 "SECTION 7. IC 20-30-6.1-4 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
3 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
4 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024]: **Sec. 4. (a) As used in this section,**
5 **"online challenge" means an Internet trend that encourages**
6 **individuals to copy behaviors or actions that may cause harm to**
7 **the individual.**
8 **(b) Each school corporation may include instruction regarding**
9 **Internet safety in the school corporation's curriculum.**
10 **(c) Not later than July 1, 2025, the department shall approve**
11 **previously developed curricula for use by school corporations**
12 **under subsection (b).**
13 **(d) Each curriculum approved under subsection (c) must**
14 **include age appropriate instruction regarding the following:**
15 **(1) Thinking critically about the possible provenance,**
16 **reliability, and intended effect of online information before**
17 **acting on the information.**
18 **(2) Acting ethically in the student's interactions with others**
19 **online, and reacting appropriately to unethical behavior such**
20 **as:**
21 **(A) cyberbullying (as described in IC 20-19-3-11.5); and**
22 **(B) promotion of dangerous behavior, including self-harm**
23 **or participation in an online challenge;**
24 **that is directed at the student by others online.**
25 **(3) Considering the uncertainties inherent in interacting with**
26 **others online, particularly with regard to the ability of an**
27 **individual to misrepresent the individual's identity online.**

- 1 **(4) Recognizing the economics of providing Internet content**
- 2 **and social media services, including:**
- 3 **(A) the economic relationship between:**
- 4 **(i) users; and**
- 5 **(ii) providers;**
- 6 **of Internet content and social media services;**
- 7 **(B) the economic incentives of a provider to influence the**
- 8 **behavior of a user when the user is interacting with the**
- 9 **provider's content or services; and**
- 10 **(C) methods used by providers to influence user behavior.**
- 11 **(5) Practicing cybersecurity, including recognizing:**
- 12 **(A) the danger of:**
- 13 **(i) identity theft; and**
- 14 **(ii) financial fraud;**
- 15 **when interacting with others online, accessing Internet**
- 16 **content, or using social media services; and**
- 17 **(B) the potential for information shared online to remain**
- 18 **accessible to others in perpetuity."**

(Reference is to SB 211 as reprinted February 6, 2024.)