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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6617**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1253

**NOTE PREPARED:** Dec 23, 2023

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Internet and Social Media Literacy Education.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Andrade

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**  **GENERAL**  
 **DEDICATED**  
 **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State & Local

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill requires the Department of Education to develop curricula concerning internet and social media literacy. It permits a school corporation to offer an elective course on internet and social media literacy.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2024.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** *New Curricula:* This bill requires the Department of Education (DOE) to develop curricula on internet and social media literacy. The bill's requirements are within the agency's routine administrative functions and should be able to be implemented with no additional appropriations, assuming near customary agency staffing and resource levels.

*Elective Courses:* The bill provides that DOE may incentivize school corporations who offer internet and social media literacy as an elective course. This may increase DOE expenditures dependent on the incentives, if any, offered by the agency.

**Additional Information -**

*New Curricula:* DOE was required to develop guidelines for the development and teaching of internet safety curricula under Public Law 119-2008, which remained in effect until it was repealed in 2015. Although this bill's requirements are more specific, foundational elements of curricula developed under P.L. 119 should be applicable to this bill's requirements. Additionally, the Cybersecurity for Education Toolkit developed by the Indiana Executive Council on Cybersecurity could have resources helpful in developing curricula.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** This bill authorizes, but does not require, the addition of internet and social media literacy instruction in middle school and high school. School corporations that adopt this curricula may incur additional costs and/or workload related to instruction. The additional funds and resources required could be supplied through existing staff and resources currently being used in another program or with new appropriations. Ultimately, the source of funds and resources required to satisfy the requirements of this bill will depend on legislative and administrative actions.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:** If DOE provides incentives to school corporations who offer internet and social media literacy as allowed under this bill, school corporation revenue may increase. The increase in revenue is dependent on the incentive offered by DOE, if any.

**State Agencies Affected:** Department of Education.

**Local Agencies Affected:** School corporations.

**Information Sources:** Indiana Executive Council on Cybersecurity, CyberSecurity for Education Toolkit 2.0.  
<https://www.in.gov/cybersecurity/files/Indiana-Cybersecurity-for-Education-Toolkit-2.0-FINAL-AUGUST-7.pdf>

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