

SENATE BILL No. 142

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 20-30-6.1-4.

Synopsis: Internet safety curricula for schools. Provides that a school corporation may include instruction regarding Internet safety in the school corporation's curriculum. Requires the department of education to develop, not later than July 1, 2024, age appropriate curricula in Internet safety for use at multiple grade levels, and specifies topics that must be included in the curricula.

Effective: July 1, 2023.

Tomes

January 9, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on Education and Career Development.



First Regular Session of the 123rd General Assembly (2023)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 20-30-6.1-4 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
3 1, 2023]: **Sec. 4. (a) Each school corporation may include**
4 **instruction regarding Internet safety in the school corporation's**
5 **curriculum.**

6 **(b) Not later than July 1, 2024, the department shall develop**
7 **curricula for use by school corporations under subsection (a). The**
8 **department shall determine the number of separate curricula**
9 **necessary to provide age appropriate instruction regarding**
10 **Internet safety to students at a range of ages, but shall at minimum**
11 **develop separate curricula for elementary school students and for**
12 **high school students.**

13 **(c) Each curriculum developed under subsection (b) 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.**



- 1 **(2) Acting ethically in the student's interactions with others**
 2 **online, and reacting appropriately to unethical behavior such**
 3 **as:**
 4 **(A) cyberbullying (as defined in IC 20-19-3-11.5); and**
 5 **(B) promotion of dangerous behavior, including self-harm;**
 6 **that is directed at the student by others online.**
 7 **(3) Considering the uncertainties inherent in interacting with**
 8 **others online, particularly with regard to the ability of an**
 9 **individual to misrepresent the individual's identity online.**
 10 **(4) Recognizing the economics of providing Internet content**
 11 **and social media services, including:**
 12 **(A) the economic relationship between:**
 13 **(i) users; and**
 14 **(ii) providers;**
 15 **of Internet content and social media services;**
 16 **(B) the economic incentives of a provider to influence the**
 17 **behavior of a user when the user is interacting with the**
 18 **provider's content or services; and**
 19 **(C) methods used by providers to influence user behavior.**
 20 **(5) Practicing cybersecurity, including recognizing:**
 21 **(A) the danger of:**
 22 **(i) identity theft; and**
 23 **(ii) financial fraud;**
 24 **when interacting with others online, accessing Internet**
 25 **content, or using social media services; and**
 26 **(B) the potential for information shared online to remain**
 27 **accessible to others in perpetuity.**

