

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 2323

100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE GANNON.

4385H.021

DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 170, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to internet and social media awareness in schools.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 170, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 170.024, to read as follows:

170.024. 1. Beginning with the 2021-22 school year and each school year thereafter, each school district and charter school shall maintain a policy on internet and social media awareness. The purpose of such policy shall be to protect the health and well-being of all district and charter school students and ensure that all students have age-appropriate instruction on how to navigate online courses and engage in appropriate online behavior. The policy shall be coordinated with other policies supporting the safety and emotional health of students.

2. The internet and social media awareness policy shall ensure that all students in fourth grade receive instruction on how to navigate online courses and engage in appropriate online behavior.

3. Instruction on appropriate online behavior shall address appropriate ways for students to engage in or respond to the following behaviors:

- (1) Email communication;**
- (2) Online research;**
- (3) Social media;**
- (4) Texting and online communication; and**

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

17 **(5) Unwanted or inappropriate sexual engagement or any other unsolicited activity**
18 **that results in bullying, harassment, or criminal activity.**

19 **4. The policy shall specify other age-appropriate educational experiences at both**
20 **the elementary and secondary levels to ensure that all students receive necessary**
21 **instruction on internet use and social media awareness.**

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