

1 AN ACT relating to internet safety instruction for children.

2 ***Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 156.675 is amended to read as follows:

- 4 (1) The Kentucky Board of Education shall promulgate administrative regulations to
5 prevent sexually explicit material from being transmitted via any video or computer
6 system, software or hardware product, or internet service managed or provided to
7 local schools or school districts **and to facilitate the establishment of social media**
8 **safety policies and instruction on social media safety.**
- 9 (2) Each local school district and school shall utilize the ~~latest~~ **best** available filtering
10 technology to ensure that sexually explicit material is not made available to
11 students.
- 12 (3) The Kentucky Department of Education shall make available to school districts and
13 schools upon request and without cost, state-of-the-art software products that enable
14 local districts and schools to prevent access to sexually explicit material **and other**
15 **materials prohibited by this section.** The department shall also notify all school
16 districts and schools of the availability of the software. Any product provided or
17 obtained by a district or school shall meet the requirements of subsection (2) of this
18 section.
- 19 (4) Each local school district shall establish a policy regarding student Internet access
20 that shall include, but not be limited to: ~~;~~ **(a)**
21 **Parental consent for student internet use;** ~~;~~
22 **(b)** **Teacher supervision of student computer use;** ~~;~~
23 **(c) A prohibition on accessing social media platforms unless expressly directed**
24 **by a teacher solely for educational purposes;**
25 **(d) Limited access by students to age-appropriate subject matter and materials**
26 **on the internet;**
27 **(e) Protection of the safety and security of students when using email, chat**

- 1 rooms, and other forms of direct electronic communications;
- 2 (f) A prohibition on access by students to data or information, including
- 3 "hacking," and other unlawful online activities by students;
- 4 (g) Prevention of access to websites, web applications, or software that does not
- 5 protect against the disclosure, use, or dissemination of students' personal
- 6 information; and
- 7 (h) Auditing procedures to determine whether education technology is being
- 8 used, or attempting to be used, for the purpose of accessing sexually explicit
- 9 or other objectionable material.
- 10 (5) (a) Each local school district shall establish a policy regarding social media
- 11 safety, which shall include but not be limited to:
- 12 1. Time management and healthy behaviors on social media;
- 13 2. The negative effects of social media on mental health, including
- 14 addiction;
- 15 3. The distribution of information on social media;
- 16 4. How social media manipulates behavior;
- 17 5. The permanency of sharing materials online;
- 18 6. How to maintain personal security and identify cyberbullying,
- 19 predatory behavior, and human trafficking on the internet; and
- 20 7. How to report suspicious behavior encountered on the internet to
- 21 appropriate authorities.
- 22 (b) The social media policy shall be updated periodically to reflect changes in
- 23 social media use, emergent technologies, and new threats to minors using
- 24 social media platforms. Each local school district shall maintain publication
- 25 of the most recent social media policy to the school district's website.
- 26 (c) 1. Each local school district shall instruct students in grades six (6)
- 27 through twelve (12) regarding social media safety and the social media

1 safety policy on an annual basis. The social media safety instruction
2 shall include how to safely use social media, including but not limited
3 to maintaining personal security, preventing oversharing of personal
4 information, identifying predatory behavior, and reporting suspicious
5 behavior.

6 2. The social media safety instruction may:

7 a. Include the benefits of social media use and the topics described
8 in subdivision b. of this paragraph; or

9 b. Only include career and resume building for future academic or
10 employment opportunities, sharing information with familiar
11 family and friends, and safely connecting with other users with
12 like interests.

13 3. Parents or guardians shall be given the ability, in writing, to opt their
14 child out of instruction under this paragraph.