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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), entitled "An
2 act relating to the public school system, including certain
3 provisions applicable as well to private and parochial
4 schools; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the
5 laws relating thereto," in terms and courses of study,
6 providing for instruction on the responsible use of social
7 media.

8 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
9 hereby enacts as follows:

10 Section 1. The act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known
11 as the Public School Code of 1949, is amended by adding a
12 section to read:

13 Section 1552.1. Instruction on the Responsible Use of Social
14 Media.--(a) Beginning with the 2014-2015 school year, each
15 school district shall incorporate instruction on the responsible
16 use of social media into the technology education curriculum for
17 students in grades six (6) through eight (8) as part of the
18 school district's observance of the State standards for
19 business, computer and information technology courses.

20 (b) The instruction shall provide students with information

1 on all of the following:

2 (1) The purpose and acceptable use of various social media
3 platforms.

4 (2) Social media behavior that ensures cyber safety, cyber
5 security and cyber ethics.

6 (3) Potential negative consequences, such as cyber bullying,
7 of failing to use various social media platforms responsibly.

8 (c) The Department of Education shall provide school
9 districts with sample learning activities and resources designed
10 to promote the responsible use of social media.

11 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.