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HB 2699: internet safety instruction; public schools

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Committee on Education

Overview

Requires students in each of the 5th-12th grades to receive internet safety instruction. Details internet safety instruction requirements and establishes a parental opt out option.

History

Statute tasks the State Board of Education (SBE) with prescribing a minimum course of study to be taught in common schools and for the graduation of students from high school. The minimum course of study must incorporate the academic standards adopted by SBE. Statute authorizes a school district governing board to establish course of study and competency requirements that are in addition to or higher than the course of study requirements prescribed by SBE. A school district governing board must prescribe curricula that includes the academic standards in the required subject areas (A.R.S. §§ [15-701](#), [15-701.01](#)).

Provisions

1. Directs SBE, beginning in the 2024-2025 school year, to include in the minimum course of study a requirement that students in each of the 5th-12th grades receive internet safety instruction.
2. Specifies internet safety instruction must include best practices for:
 - a) protecting students from opioids and online predators;
 - b) safe online communication; and
 - c) protecting students' privacy, personal safety and other cyber security interests while using phone or computer applications.
3. Instructs the Arizona Department of Education (ADE), by June 30, 2025, to compile age-appropriate resources that satisfy internet safety instruction requirements and to make these resources available to school districts and charter schools.
4. Allows a school district or charter school to satisfy the internet safety instruction requirement by using:
 - a) the ADE age-appropriate resources; or
 - b) training provided by a county attorney's office or a state or federal agency.
5. Requires a school district or charter school to provide a parent with an opportunity to opt their student out of the internet safety instruction and exempts the student from the instruction if opted out.

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