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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5449**

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**By** Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education (originally sponsored by Senators Llias, Zeiger, Billig, Hunt, and Frockt)

1 AN ACT Relating to digital citizenship, media literacy, and  
2 internet safety in schools; amending RCW 28A.650.010 and 28A.650.045;  
3 adding a new section to chapter 28A.650 RCW; creating a new section;  
4 and providing an expiration date.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

6 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.650.010 and 1993 c 336 s 702 are each amended to  
7 read as follows:

8 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in  
9 this section apply throughout this chapter.

10 (1) "Digital citizenship" includes the norms of appropriate,  
11 responsible, and healthy behavior related to current technology use,  
12 including digital and media literacy, ethics, etiquette, and  
13 security. The term also includes the ability to access, analyze,  
14 evaluate, develop, produce, and interpret media, as well as internet  
15 safety and cyberbullying prevention and response.

16 (2) "Education technology" or "technology" means the effective  
17 use of electronic and optical tools, including telephones, and  
18 electronic and optical pathways in helping students learn.

19 ((+2)) (3) "Network" means integrated linking of education  
20 technology systems in schools for transmission of voice, data, video,  
21 or imaging, or a combination of these.

1       **Sec. 2.** RCW 28A.650.045 and 2016 c 59 s 2 are each amended to  
2 read as follows:

3       (1) ~~((For the purposes of this section, "digital citizenship"~~  
4 ~~includes the norms of appropriate, responsible, and healthy behavior~~  
5 ~~related to current technology use, including digital and media~~  
6 ~~literacy, ethics, etiquette, and security. The term also includes the~~  
7 ~~ability to access, analyze, evaluate, develop, produce, and interpret~~  
8 ~~media, as well as internet safety and cyberbullying prevention and~~  
9 ~~response.~~

10       (2)) (a) By December 1, 2016, the office of the superintendent of  
11 public instruction shall develop best practices and recommendations  
12 for instruction in digital citizenship, internet safety, and media  
13 literacy, and report to the appropriate committees of the  
14 legislature, in accordance with RCW 43.01.036, on strategies to  
15 implement the best practices and recommendations statewide. The best  
16 practices and recommendations must be developed in consultation with  
17 an advisory committee as specified in (b) of this subsection. Best  
18 practices and recommendations must include instruction that provides  
19 guidance about thoughtful, safe, and strategic uses of online and  
20 other media resources, and education on how to apply critical  
21 thinking skills when consuming and producing information.

22       (b) The office of the superintendent of public instruction must  
23 convene and consult with an advisory committee when developing best  
24 practices and recommendations for instruction in digital citizenship,  
25 internet safety, and media literacy. The advisory committee must  
26 include: Representatives from the Washington state school directors'  
27 association; experts in digital citizenship, internet safety, and  
28 media literacy; teacher-librarians as defined in RCW 28A.320.240; and  
29 other stakeholders, including parent associations, educators, and  
30 administrators. Recommendations produced by the committee may  
31 include, but are not limited to:

32       (i) Revisions to the state learning standards for educational  
33 technology, required under RCW 28A.655.075;

34       (ii) Revisions to the model policy and procedures on electronic  
35 resources and internet safety developed by the Washington state  
36 school directors' association;

37       (iii) School district processes necessary to develop customized  
38 district policies and procedures on electronic resources and internet  
39 safety;

1 (iv) Best practices, resources, and models for instruction in  
2 digital citizenship, internet safety, and media literacy; and

3 (v) Strategies that will support school districts in local  
4 implementation of the best practices and recommendations developed by  
5 the office of the superintendent of public instruction under (a) of  
6 this subsection.

7 ~~((3))~~ (2) Beginning in the 2017-18 school year, a school  
8 district shall annually review its policy and procedures on  
9 electronic resources and internet safety. In reviewing and amending  
10 the policy and procedures, a school district must:

11 (a) Involve a representation of students, parents or guardians,  
12 teachers, teacher-librarians, other school employees, administrators,  
13 and community representatives with experience or expertise in digital  
14 citizenship, media literacy, and internet safety issues;

15 (b) Consider customizing the model policy and procedures on  
16 electronic resources and internet safety developed by the Washington  
17 state school directors' association;

18 (c) Consider existing school district resources; and

19 (d) Consider best practices, resources, and models for  
20 instruction in digital citizenship, internet safety, and media  
21 literacy, including methods to involve parents.

22 (3)(a) By December 1, 2017, the Washington state school  
23 directors' association shall review and revise its model policy and  
24 procedures on electronic resources and internet safety to better  
25 support digital citizenship, media literacy, and internet safety in  
26 schools.

27 (b) By December 1, 2017, the Washington state school directors'  
28 association shall develop a checklist of items for school districts  
29 to consider when updating their policy and procedures under  
30 subsection (2) of this section.

31 NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. (1) By December 1, 2018, the office of the  
32 superintendent of public instruction shall survey teacher-librarians,  
33 principals, and technology directors to understand how they are  
34 currently integrating digital citizenship and media literacy  
35 education in their curriculum. The purpose of the survey is to  
36 determine ways in which teacher-librarians, principals, and  
37 technology directors can lead, teach, and support digital citizenship  
38 and media literacy across all grades and content areas.

39 (2) This section expires August 1, 2019.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 4.**    A new section is added to chapter 28A.650  
2    RCW to read as follows:

3        (1) The office of the superintendent of public instruction shall  
4    create a web-based location with links to recommended successful  
5    practices and resources to support digital citizenship, media  
6    literacy, and internet safety for use in the 2017-18 school year.

7        (2) Thereafter, the office of the superintendent of public  
8    instruction shall continue to identify and develop additional open  
9    educational resources to support digital citizenship, media literacy,  
10   and internet safety in schools for the web-based location.

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