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By Representatives Manweller, Bergquist, Magendanz, Reykdal, Griffey, Parker, and Orwall

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1            AN ACT Relating to providing social media safety information in  
2 schools; and adding a new section to chapter 28A.320 RCW.

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

4            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.320  
5 RCW to read as follows:

6            (1) By January 31, 2016, the office of the superintendent of  
7 public instruction must develop a social media safety model  
8 curriculum, or update an existing curriculum on social media, that  
9 includes age-appropriate safety lessons on how to respond to alarming  
10 or disturbing social media posts and provides information regarding  
11 the availability of means to report such posts anonymously.

12            (2) The office of the superintendent of public instruction must  
13 make the social media safety model curriculum available to all school  
14 districts and publish the curriculum on its web site. The curriculum  
15 must be updated biennially.

16            (3) Every school year, beginning in the 2016-17 school year,  
17 there shall be made available to all students in each common school  
18 as defined in RCW 28A.150.020 at least one age-appropriate  
19 educational program, class, or activity designed to teach social  
20 media safety. Such a program, class, or activity must include  
21 information about how to respond to alarming or disturbing social

1 media posts and the availability of means to report such posts  
2 anonymously. A school district may use the model curriculum developed  
3 by the office of the superintendent of public instruction, develop  
4 its own curriculum, or use another curriculum that includes the  
5 requisite information.

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