

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6273**

64th Legislature  
2016 Regular Session

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Yeas 47 Nays 0

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**President of the Senate**

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**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

Approved

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Hunter G. Goodman, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6273** as passed by Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

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**Secretary**

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**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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**By** Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education (originally sponsored by Senators Liiias, Litzow, Rolfes, Fain, Mullet, Carlyle, Billig, Fraser, and McAuliffe)

READ FIRST TIME 01/29/16.

1            AN ACT Relating to safe technology use and digital citizenship in  
2 public schools; adding a new section to chapter 28A.650 RCW; and  
3 creating a new section.

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

5            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.**    The legislature recognizes that as  
6 technology becomes more prevalent, students must learn how to safely,  
7 ethically, responsibly, and effectively use technology. The  
8 legislature intends to provide a process in which students, parents  
9 or guardians, teachers, teacher-librarians, other school employees,  
10 administrators, and community representatives will engage in an  
11 ongoing discussion on safe technology use, internet use, digital  
12 citizenship, and media literacy as part of implementing the state's  
13 basic education goal outlined in RCW 28A.150.210(3) and essential  
14 academic learning requirements for technology outlined in RCW  
15 28A.655.075.

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

18            (1) For the purposes of this section, "digital citizenship"  
19 includes the norms of appropriate, responsible, and healthy behavior  
20 related to current technology use, including digital and media

1 literacy, ethics, etiquette, and security. The term also includes the  
2 ability to access, analyze, evaluate, develop, produce, and interpret  
3 media, as well as internet safety and cyberbullying prevention and  
4 response.

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

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

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

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

32 (iii) School district processes necessary to develop customized  
33 district policies and procedures on electronic resources and internet  
34 safety;

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

37 (v) Strategies that will support school districts in local  
38 implementation of the best practices and recommendations developed by  
39 the office of the superintendent of public instruction under (a) of  
40 this subsection.

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

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

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

12           (c) Consider existing school district resources; and

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

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