
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the modern digital
2 world influences media content of news on current events,
3 thereby shaping the public's perception of reality. Media
4 literacy is a necessary skill that allows all citizens to
5 access, analyze, and evaluate information using a variety of
6 forms of communication. At the same time, "digital citizens"
7 must have the ability to recognize and value the rights,
8 responsibilities, and opportunities of living, learning, and
9 working in an interconnected digital world in order to engage in
10 safe, legal, and ethical behaviors.

11 The legislature further finds that students from
12 kindergarten through grade twelve should be educated in media
13 literacy to obtain the skills and experiences needed to become
14 full participants in the digital world, including instruction in
15 understanding how media shapes perceptions.

16 The legislature also finds that students use technology to
17 play, learn, and communicate at school and home and need to



1 learn how to use technology responsibly. Students must
2 understand how to use personal technology in ways that augment
3 their learning experience, which is necessary to analyze and
4 evaluate information transmitted by media.

5 The legislature further finds that instruction in media
6 literacy should be incorporated into every classroom and every
7 curriculum content area to prepare students to live and work in
8 a digital world. Teachers have an obligation to guide students'
9 exploration of the digital landscape and encourage them to be
10 critical and creative thinkers.

11 The purpose of this Act is to require the department of
12 education to develop a plan to implement instruction on digital
13 citizenship and media literacy based on recommendations and
14 strategies provided by an advisory committee.

15 SECTION 2. (a) The department shall convene an advisory
16 committee to make recommendations for purposes of developing the
17 plan under subsection (c). The advisory committee shall
18 include:

19 (1) Experts in media literacy, digital citizenship, and
20 internet safety, including academic experts and non-
21 profit organizations; and



1 (2) Other stakeholders, such as teachers, librarians,
2 parent organizations, students, educators, and
3 administrators.

4 (b) No later than , 2019, the advisory committee
5 shall make recommendations to the department on the following:

6 (1) Best practices, resources, and models for grade-
7 appropriate instruction in media literacy, digital
8 citizenship, and internet safety; provided that the
9 recommendations shall comply with federal E-rate
10 programs and the federal Children's Internet
11 Protection Act;

12 (2) Strategies that will support the department in the
13 implementation of the best practices identified by the
14 advisory committee pursuant to paragraph (1),
15 including strategies for delivering professional
16 development to educators and administrators; and

17 (3) Any other matters deemed relevant by the advisory
18 committee.

19 (c) The department shall develop a plan to implement
20 instruction in digital citizenship and media literacy in grades
21 kindergarten to twelve in public schools, including charter



1 schools and Hawaiian language immersion schools, based upon the
2 recommendations provided by the advisory committee pursuant to
3 subsection (b).

4 (d) The department shall submit an annual report to the
5 legislature, beginning on _____, 2019, on the department's
6 plan, including the timeline for implementing instruction in
7 digital citizenship and media literacy in grades kindergarten
8 through twelve.

9 (e) For purposes of this section:

10 "Digital citizenship" means knowledge and skills necessary
11 for consumption of media, digital products, current technology,
12 and social media, including appropriate, responsible, and
13 healthy behavior, as well as cyberbullying prevention.

14 "Media literacy" means the ability to access, analyze,
15 evaluate, develop, produce, and interpret media, including the
16 thoughtful, safe, and strategic uses of online and other media
17 resources.

18 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

DOE; Digital Citizenship; Media Literacy

Description:

Requires the Department of Education to convene an advisory committee to make recommendations on best practices for purposes of developing and implementing a plan to teach digital citizenship and media literacy in grades kindergarten through twelve in public schools, including charter schools and Hawaiian language immersion schools. Requires the Department of Education to develop the plan. Requires an annual report to Legislature. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)

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