

HOUSE BILL No. 5044

November 3, 2015, Introduced by Reps. Wittenberg, Zemke, Sarah Roberts, Singh, McCready, McBroom, Plawecki, Liberati, Dianda, Guerra, Durhal, Byrd, Leutheuser, Cochran, Chirkun, Robinson, Darany, Faris, Moss, Smiley, Brunner, Chang, Banks, Hovey-Wright, Love, Pagan, Greimel, Hooker, Sheppard, LaFontaine, Clemente, Chatfield, Aaron Miller, Graves, Santana, Glenn and Kosowski and referred to the Committee on Education.

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled
"The revised school code,"
(MCL 380.1 to 380.1852) by adding section 1162.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 SEC. 1162. (1) BEGINNING WITH THE 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR, THE
2 BOARD OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT OR BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF A PUBLIC SCHOOL
3 ACADEMY SHALL ENSURE THAT THE SCHOOL CURRICULUM INCLUDES AN AGE-
4 APPROPRIATE LESSON OF INSTRUCTION ON INTERNET SAFETY TO BE TAUGHT
5 AT LEAST ONCE EACH SCHOOL YEAR TO PUPILS IN GRADES 1 TO 12. PUBLIC
6 SCHOOLS ARE ENCOURAGED TO INCLUDE THIS LESSON IN THE SCHOOL
7 CURRICULUM BEFORE THAT SCHOOL YEAR. THE LESSONS MAY BE INCORPORATED
8 INTO THE CURRENT COURSES OF STUDY REGULARLY TAUGHT IN THE SCHOOLS,
9 AS DETERMINED BY THE BOARD OR BOARD OF DIRECTORS. THE LEGISLATURE
10 RECOMMENDS THAT AT LEAST ALL OF THE FOLLOWING TOPICS SHOULD BE

1 ADDRESSED IN THESE LESSONS AT SOME POINT DURING GRADES 1 TO 12, AT
2 AGE AND GRADE LEVELS CONSIDERED APPROPRIATE BY THE BOARD OR BOARD
3 OF DIRECTORS:

4 (A) SAFE AND RESPONSIBLE USE OF SOCIAL NETWORKING WEBSITES,
5 CHAT ROOMS, ELECTRONIC MAIL, BULLETIN BOARDS, INSTANT MESSAGING,
6 AND OTHER MEANS OF COMMUNICATION ON THE INTERNET.

7 (B) RECOGNIZING, AVOIDING, AND REPORTING ONLINE SOLICITATIONS
8 BY SEXUAL PREDATORS.

9 (C) RISKS OF TRANSMITTING PERSONAL INFORMATION ON THE
10 INTERNET.

11 (D) RECOGNIZING AND AVOIDING UNSOLICITED OR DECEPTIVE
12 COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED ONLINE.

13 (E) RECOGNIZING AND REPORTING ONLINE HARASSMENT AND
14 CYBERBULLYING.

15 (F) REPORTING ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES AND COMMUNICATIONS ON THE
16 INTERNET.

17 (G) COPYRIGHT LAWS ON WRITTEN MATERIALS, PHOTOGRAPHS, MUSIC,
18 AND VIDEO.

19 (2) NOT LATER THAN THE BEGINNING OF THE 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR,
20 THE DEPARTMENT SHALL MAKE AVAILABLE MODEL RESOURCE MATERIALS FOR
21 EDUCATING PUPILS REGARDING CHILD ONLINE SAFETY. MODEL RESOURCE
22 MATERIALS MAY INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO, HANDOUTS,
23 WORKSHEETS, COMPUTER-BASED SLIDESHOW PRESENTATIONS, AND VIDEO
24 PRESENTATIONS. THE DEPARTMENT MAY TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE
25 CURRICULA AND RESOURCE MATERIALS ON THIS SUBJECT DEVELOPED IN THIS
26 STATE AND OTHER STATES, INCLUDING THE MICHIGAN EDUCATIONAL
27 TECHNOLOGY STANDARDS (METS), THE MICHIGAN MODEL FOR HEALTH, AND

1 COMPONENTS OF THE MICHIGAN MERIT CURRICULUM, AND DEVELOPED BY THE
2 ATTORNEY GENERAL AND OTHER STATE ATTORNEYS GENERAL, AS WELL AS ANY
3 OTHER CURRICULAR AND RESOURCE MATERIALS SUGGESTED BY EDUCATION
4 EXPERTS, SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS, OR TECHNOLOGY COMPANIES THAT WORK ON
5 CHILD ONLINE SAFETY ISSUES. THESE MODEL RESOURCE MATERIALS MAY
6 INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO, MATERIALS ADDRESSING SAFE ONLINE
7 COMMUNICATIONS, PRIVACY PROTECTION, CYBERBULLYING, VIEWING
8 INAPPROPRIATE MATERIAL, FILE SHARING, AND THE IMPORTANCE OF OPEN
9 COMMUNICATION WITH RESPONSIBLE ADULTS. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL MAKE
10 THESE MODEL RESOURCE MATERIALS AVAILABLE ON ITS INTERNET WEBSITE.