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**SYNOPSIS**

Requires school districts to provide instruction on responsible use of social media for middle school students as part of the Core Curriculum Content Standards in Technology.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning social media instruction in public school  
2 districts and supplementing chapter 35 of Title 18A of the New  
3 Jersey Statutes.

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
6 of New Jersey:

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8 1. a. Beginning with the 2013-2014 school year, each school  
9 district shall incorporate instruction on the responsible use of social  
10 media into the technology education curriculum for students in  
11 grades 6 through 8 as part of the district's implementation of the  
12 Core Curriculum Content Standards in Technology.

13 b. The instruction shall provide students with information on:  
14 (1) the purpose and acceptable use of various social media  
15 platforms;  
16 (2) social media behavior that ensures cyber safety, cyber  
17 security, and cyber ethics; and  
18 (3) potential negative consequences, including cyber bullying,  
19 of failing to use various social media platforms responsibly.

20 c. The Commissioner of Education shall provide school  
21 districts with sample learning activities and resources designed to  
22 promote the responsible use of social media.

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24 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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27 STATEMENT

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29 This bill requires school districts to provide instruction on the  
30 responsible use of social media as part of the district's  
31 implementation of the Core Curriculum Content Standards in  
32 Technology. The instruction will provide students in grades 6  
33 through 8 with information on: the purpose and acceptable use of  
34 various social media platforms; social media behavior that ensures  
35 cyber safety, cyber security, and cyber ethics; and potential  
36 negative consequences, including cyber bullying, of failing to use  
37 various social media platforms responsibly.

38 Under the bill, the Commissioner of Education is to provide  
39 school districts with sample learning activities and resources  
40 designed to promote the responsible use of social media.