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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 234

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 234 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The School Code is amended by adding Section  
5 27-20.08 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/27-20.08 new)

7 Sec. 27-20.08. Media literacy.

8 (a) In this Section, "media literacy" means the ability to  
9 access, analyze, evaluate, create, and communicate using a  
10 variety of objective forms, including, but not limited to,  
11 print, visual, audio, interactive, and digital texts.

12 (b) Beginning with the 2022-2023 school year, every public  
13 high school shall include in its curriculum a unit of  
14 instruction on media literacy. The unit of instruction shall  
15 include, but is not limited to, all of the following topics:

16 (1) Accessing information: Evaluating multiple media

1 platforms to better understand the general landscape and  
2 economics of the platforms, as well as issues regarding  
3 the trustworthiness of the source of information.

4 (2) Analyzing and evaluating media messages:  
5 Deconstructing media representations according to the  
6 authors, target audience, techniques, agenda setting,  
7 stereotypes, and authenticity to distinguish fact from  
8 opinion.

9 (3) Creating media: Conveying a coherent message using  
10 multimodal practices to a specific target audience. This  
11 may include, but is not limited to, writing blogs,  
12 composing songs, designing video games, producing  
13 podcasts, making videos, or coding a mobile or software  
14 application.

15 (4) Reflecting on media consumption: Assessing how  
16 media affects the consumption of information and how it  
17 triggers emotions and behavior.

18 (5) Social responsibility and civics: Suggesting a  
19 plan of action in the class, school, or community to  
20 engage others in a respectful, thoughtful, and inclusive  
21 dialogue over a specific issue using facts and reason.

22 (c) The State Board of Education shall determine how to  
23 prepare and make available instructional resources and  
24 professional learning opportunities for educators that may be  
25 used for the development of a unit of instruction under this  
26 Section.

1           Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
2    becoming law.".