

# HB1522



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### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/27-13.3

Amends the Courses of Study Article of the School Code. In provisions concerning an Internet safety education curriculum, provides that, beginning January 1, 2024 and at least once every 3 years thereafter, the State Board of Education shall review and submit a report to the General Assembly of recommended revisions to the Internet safety education curriculum provisions to ensure the Internet safety education curriculum aligns with current best practices and reflects current technology and customary uses of the Internet.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning education.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing Section  
5 27-13.3 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/27-13.3)

7 Sec. 27-13.3. Internet safety education curriculum.

8 (a) The purpose of this Section is to inform and protect  
9 students from inappropriate or illegal communications and  
10 solicitation and to encourage school districts to provide  
11 education about Internet threats and risks, including without  
12 limitation child predators, fraud, and other dangers.

13 (b) The General Assembly finds and declares the following:

14 (1) it is the policy of this State to protect  
15 consumers and Illinois residents from deceptive and unsafe  
16 communications that result in harassment, exploitation, or  
17 physical harm;

18 (2) children have easy access to the Internet at home,  
19 school, and public places;

20 (3) the Internet is used by sexual predators and other  
21 criminals to make initial contact with children and other  
22 vulnerable residents in Illinois; and

23 (4) education is an effective method for preventing

1 children from falling prey to online predators, identity  
2 theft, and other dangers.

3 (c) Each school may adopt an age-appropriate curriculum  
4 for Internet safety instruction of students in grades  
5 kindergarten through 12. However, beginning with the 2009-2010  
6 school year, a school district must incorporate into the  
7 school curriculum a component on Internet safety to be taught  
8 at least once each school year to students in grades 3 through  
9 12. The school board shall determine the scope and duration of  
10 this unit of instruction. The age-appropriate unit of  
11 instruction may be incorporated into the current courses of  
12 study regularly taught in the district's schools, as  
13 determined by the school board, and it is recommended that the  
14 unit of instruction include the following topics:

15 (1) Safe and responsible use of social networking  
16 websites, chat rooms, electronic mail, bulletin boards,  
17 instant messaging, and other means of communication on the  
18 Internet.

19 (2) Recognizing, avoiding, and reporting online  
20 solicitations of students, their classmates, and their  
21 friends by sexual predators.

22 (3) Risks of transmitting personal information on the  
23 Internet.

24 (4) Recognizing and avoiding unsolicited or deceptive  
25 communications received online.

26 (5) Recognizing and reporting online harassment and

1 cyber-bullying.

2 (6) Reporting illegal activities and communications on  
3 the Internet.

4 (7) Copyright laws on written materials, photographs,  
5 music, and video.

6 (d) Curricula devised in accordance with subsection (c) of  
7 this Section may be submitted for review to the Office of the  
8 Illinois Attorney General.

9 (e) The State Board of Education shall make available  
10 resource materials for educating children regarding child  
11 online safety and may take into consideration the curriculum  
12 on this subject developed by other states, as well as any other  
13 curricular materials suggested by education experts, child  
14 psychologists, or technology companies that work on child  
15 online safety issues. Materials may include without limitation  
16 safe online communications, privacy protection,  
17 cyber-bullying, viewing inappropriate material, file sharing,  
18 and the importance of open communication with responsible  
19 adults. The State Board of Education shall make these resource  
20 materials available on its Internet website.

21 (f) Beginning January 1, 2024 and at least once every 3  
22 years thereafter, the State Board of Education shall review  
23 this Section and submit a report to the General Assembly of  
24 recommended revisions to this Section to ensure an Internet  
25 safety education curriculum under this Section aligns with  
26 current best practices and reflects current technology and

1 customary uses of the Internet.

2 (Source: P.A. 95-509, eff. 8-28-07; 95-869, eff. 1-1-09;

3 96-734, eff. 8-25-09.)