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HOUSE BILL 21-1103

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE MEDIA
102 LITERACY ADVISORY COMMITTEE IN ELEMENTARY AND
103 SECONDARY EDUCATION CREATED PURSUANT TO HOUSE BILL
104 19-1110.

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)

The bill requires the department of education (department) to create and maintain an online resource bank of materials and resources pertaining to media literacy. At a minimum, the resource bank must

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include the materials and resources recommended in the media literacy advisory committee's report.

The bill requires the department, upon the request of a school district, charter school, institute charter school, or board of cooperative services, and subject to available resources, to provide technical assistance to a school district, charter school, institute charter school, or board of cooperative services, with implementing policies and procedures, best practices, and recommendations related to media literacy.

The bill requires the state board of education to review and adopt revisions that implement media literacy within reading, writing, and civics standards.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1. Legislative declaration.** (1) The general assembly
3 finds and declares that:

4 (a) Freedom of speech is a right that must not be infringed. In
5 order to protect and reinforce this important right, the functioning of our
6 democracy requires that Coloradans possess the ability to understand
7 context and think critically about the information they are presented.

8 (b) The growth of social media platforms and their integration into
9 the media diet of Coloradans has created an opportunity for the rapid and
10 widespread dissemination of misinformation; and

11 (c) While the increase of misinformation has created significant
12 divisions in our society, Coloradans maintain more in common than not.
13 Our ability to unite and collaborate toward successful solutions for the
14 benefit of all Coloradans depends upon our ability to collectively identify
15 and critically examine facts.

16 (2) Therefore, the general assembly declares that equipping the
17 youth of Colorado with the critical thinking skills necessary to analyze the
18 information, claims, and sources presented to them through media will
19 empower them to make more informed decisions, serve to strengthen our

1 democracy, and protect the health, safety, and welfare of our state.

2 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-2-145, **repeal** (5);
3 and **add** (6) as follows:

4 **22-2-145. Media literacy - committee - report - strategic plan**
5 **- resource bank - definition.** (5) ~~This section is repealed, effective July~~
6 ~~1, 2021.~~

7 (6) (a) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CREATE AND MAINTAIN AN
8 ONLINE RESOURCE BANK OF MATERIALS AND RESOURCES PERTAINING TO
9 MEDIA LITERACY. AT A MINIMUM, THE RESOURCE BANK MUST INCLUDE
10 THE MATERIALS AND RESOURCES RECOMMENDED IN THE COMMITTEE'S
11 REPORT CREATED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION. THE
12 DEPARTMENT SHALL CREATE THE ONLINE RESOURCE BANK ON OR BEFORE
13 THE DATE WHEN REVISIONS ARE ADOPTED TO INCLUDE KNOWLEDGE AND
14 SKILLS RELATING TO MEDIA LITERACY WITHIN THE READING, WRITING, OR
15 CIVICS STANDARDS, WHICHEVER REVISIONS OCCUR FIRST, PURSUANT TO
16 SECTION 22-7-1005 (2.6).

17 (b) UPON THE REQUEST OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT, CHARTER SCHOOL,
18 INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL, OR BOARD OF COOPERATIVE SERVICES, THE
19 DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE, SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE RESOURCES,
20 TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO A SCHOOL DISTRICT, CHARTER SCHOOL,
21 INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL, OR BOARD OF COOPERATIVE SERVICES, WITH
22 IMPLEMENTING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES, BEST PRACTICES, AND
23 RECOMMENDATIONS RELATED TO MEDIA LITERACY.

24 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-7-1005, **add** (2.6)
25 as follows:

26 **22-7-1005. Preschool through elementary and secondary**
27 **education - aligned standards - adoption - revisions.** (2.6) (a) THE

1 STATE BOARD SHALL ADOPT REVISIONS TO THE READING, WRITING, AND
2 CIVICS STANDARDS THAT IDENTIFY THE KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS THAT AN
3 ELEMENTARY THROUGH SECONDARY EDUCATION STUDENT SHOULD
4 ACQUIRE RELATING TO MEDIA LITERACY. THE KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS
5 RELATING TO MEDIA LITERACY MUST BE SUBSTANTIALLY CONSISTENT
6 WITH RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE MEDIA LITERACY ADVISORY
7 COMMITTEE'S REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-2-145 (2)(a)(I).

8 (b) THE INITIAL ADOPTED REVISIONS REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION
9 (2.6)(a) OF THIS SECTION, AND SUBSEQUENT REVIEWS AND ADOPTIONS OF
10 ANY APPROPRIATE REVISIONS, MUST OCCUR PURSUANT TO THE STANDARD
11 SCHEDULE DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (6) OF THIS SECTION.

12 **SECTION 4. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
13 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
14 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety.