1 A bill to be entitled 2 An act relating to technology in K-12 public schools; 3 amending s. 1003.02, F.S.; prohibiting certain devices 4 from accessing websites, web applications, and 5 software that fail to have specified Internet safety 6 policies; providing for the filtering of Internet 7 websites on student devices using district-owned 8 computer servers for a specified purpose; prohibiting 9 the use of specified platforms on certain devices and for specified school district purposes; amending s. 10 11 1003.32, F.S.; authorizing teachers and other instructional personnel to designate an area for 12 13 wireless communications during instructional time; amending s. 1003.42, F.S.; revising the requirements 14 for K-12 instruction on health education to include 15 16 specified instruction relating to social media for students in certain grades; providing requirements for 17 18 such instruction; amending s. 1006.07, F.S.; requiring 19 school districts' codes of student conduct to prohibit the use of specified devices during instructional time 20 21 and authorize teachers to withhold specified devices; 22 providing an effective date. 23

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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Section 1. Paragraph (g) of subsection (1) of section 1003.02, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1003.02 District school board operation and control of public K-12 education within the school district.—As provided in part II of chapter 1001, district school boards are constitutionally and statutorily charged with the operation and control of public K-12 education within their school districts. The district school boards must establish, organize, and operate their public K-12 schools and educational programs, employees, and facilities. Their responsibilities include staff development, public K-12 school student education including education for exceptional students and students in juvenile justice programs, special programs, adult education programs, and career education programs. Additionally, district school boards must:

- (1) Provide for the proper accounting for all students of school age, for the attendance and control of students at school, and for proper attention to health, safety, and other matters relating to the welfare of students in the following areas:
 - (g) School operation. -

1. Provide for the operation of all public schools as free schools for a term of 180 days or the equivalent on an hourly basis as specified by rules of the State Board of Education; determine district school funds necessary in addition to state

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funds to operate all schools for the minimum term; and arrange for the levying of district school taxes necessary to provide the amount needed from district sources.

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- 2. Prepare, adopt, and timely submit to the Department of Education, as required by law and by rules of the State Board of Education, the annual school budget, so as to promote the improvement of the district school system.
- 3. Prohibit devices using district-owned computer servers and district-owned devices from accessing any website, web application, or software that does not have an Internet safety policy that addresses all of the following:
- a. Access by minors to inappropriate subject matter and harmful materials on the Internet and measures restricting minors' access to such subject matter and materials.
- b. The safety and security of minors when using e-mail, chat rooms, and other forms of direct electronic communications.
- c. Unauthorized access by minors to data or information, including so-called "hacking," and other unlawful online activities by minors.
- <u>d.</u> Unauthorized disclosure, use, or dissemination of minors' personal information.
- 4. Provide for the filtering of Internet websites so that a student device cannot connect to social media sites using district-owned computer servers.
 - 5. Prohibit the use of the TikTok platform or any

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successor application or service on district-owned devices or as a platform to communicate or promote any district school, school-sponsored club, extracurricular organization, or athletic team.

Section 2. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 1003.32, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1003.32 Authority of teacher; responsibility for control of students; district school board and principal duties.—Subject to law and to the rules of the district school board, each teacher or other member of the staff of any school shall have such authority for the control and discipline of students as may be assigned to him or her by the principal or the principal's designated representative and shall keep good order in the classroom and in other places in which he or she is assigned to be in charge of students.

- (1) In accordance with this section and within the framework of the district school board's code of student conduct, teachers and other instructional personnel shall have the authority to undertake any of the following actions in managing student behavior and ensuring the safety of all students in their classes and school and their opportunity to learn in an orderly and disciplined classroom:
- (a) Establish classroom rules of conduct, including designating an area for wireless communications devices during instructional time.

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Sec.	tion 3.	Paragraph	(n)	of	subs	sect	cion	(2)	of	section
1003.42,	Florida	Statutes,	is	amen	nded	to	read	l:		

1003.42 Required instruction. -

- (2) Members of the instructional staff of the public schools, subject to the rules of the State Board of Education and the district school board, shall teach efficiently and faithfully, using the books and materials required that meet the highest standards for professionalism and historical accuracy, following the prescribed courses of study, and employing approved methods of instruction, the following:
- (n) Comprehensive age-appropriate and developmentally appropriate K-12 instruction on:
- 1. Health education that addresses concepts of community health, consumer health, environmental health, and family life, including:
 - a. Injury prevention and safety.
 - b. Internet safety.
- b.c. Nutrition.

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- 119 c.d. Personal health.
- 120 d.e. Prevention and control of disease.
 - e.f. Substance use and abuse.
- 122 <u>f.g.</u> Prevention of child sexual abuse, exploitation, and 123 human trafficking.
- 2. For students in grades 7 through 12, teen dating violence and abuse. This component must include, but not be

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limited to, the definition of dating violence and abuse, the warning signs of dating violence and abusive behavior, the characteristics of healthy relationships, measures to prevent and stop dating violence and abuse, and community resources available to victims of dating violence and abuse.

- 3. For students in grades 6 through 12, awareness of the benefits of sexual abstinence as the expected standard and the consequences of teenage pregnancy.
- 4. Life skills that build confidence, support mental and emotional health, and enable students to overcome challenges, including:
 - a. Self-awareness and self-management.
 - b. Responsible decisionmaking.
 - c. Resiliency.

- d. Relationship skills and conflict resolution.
- e. Understanding and respecting other viewpoints and backgrounds.
- f. For grades 9 through 12, developing leadership skills, interpersonal skills, organization skills, and research skills; creating a resume, including a digital resume; exploring career pathways; using state career planning resources; developing and practicing the skills necessary for employment interviews; workplace ethics and workplace law; managing stress and expectations; and self-motivation.
 - 5. For students in grades 6 through 12, the social,

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151	emotional, and physical effects of social media. This component
152	must include, but not be limited to, the negative effects of
153	social media on mental health, including addiction; the
154	distribution of misinformation on social media; how social media
155	manipulates behavior; the permanency of material shared online;
156	how to maintain personal security and identify cyberbullying,
157	predatory behavior, and human trafficking online; and how to
158	report suspicious behavior online. The Department of Education
159	shall make the instructional materials used to provide
160	instruction pursuant to this subparagraph available online and
161	district school boards shall notify parents of its availability.
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163	Health education and life skills instruction and materials may
164	not contradict the principles enumerated in subsection (3).
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166	The State Board of Education is encouraged to adopt standards
167	and pursue assessment of the requirements of this subsection.
168	Instructional programming that incorporates the values of the
169	recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor and that is
170	offered as part of a social studies, English Language Arts, or
171	other schoolwide character building and veteran awareness
172	initiative meets the requirements of paragraph (t).
173	Section 4. Paragraph (f) of subsection (2) of section
174	1006.07, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
175	1006.07 District school board duties relating to student

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discipline and school safety.—The district school board shall provide for the proper accounting for all students, for the attendance and control of students at school, and for proper attention to health, safety, and other matters relating to the welfare of students, including:

- (2) CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT.—Adopt a code of student conduct for elementary schools and a code of student conduct for middle and high schools and distribute the appropriate code to all teachers, school personnel, students, and parents, at the beginning of every school year. Each code shall be organized and written in language that is understandable to students and parents and shall be discussed at the beginning of every school year in student classes, school advisory council meetings, and parent and teacher association or organization meetings. Each code shall be based on the rules governing student conduct and discipline adopted by the district school board and shall be made available in the student handbook or similar publication. Each code shall include, but is not limited to:
- (f) Notice that use of a wireless communications device includes the possibility of the imposition of disciplinary action by the school or criminal penalties if the device is used in a criminal act. A student may possess a wireless communications device while the student is on school property or in attendance at a school function. Each district school board shall adopt rules governing the use of a wireless communications

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device by a student while the student is on school property or in attendance at a school function. Such rules must prohibit the use of wireless communications devices during instructional time and may authorize a teacher to withhold a student's wireless communications device.

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Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.

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