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Senate Bill 36 (as introduced 1-27-09)
Sponsor: Senator John Pappageorge
Committee: Education

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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Revised School Code to require each school district and public school academy to provide grade-level-appropriate instruction on internet safety for pupils in all grade levels, beginning in the 2010-2011 school year.

The instruction could be based on a model program developed or adopted by the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

By January 1, 2010, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, in cooperation with the Department of State Police and other appropriate agencies, would have to develop or adopt one or more model programs designed to provide grade-level-appropriate instruction on internet safety for pupils in all grade levels.

The Superintendent would have to make the model program or programs available to public and nonpublic schools and parents upon development or adoption.

Proposed MCL 380.1163

Legislative Analyst: Curtis Walker

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would create some cost for the Michigan Department of Education in developing or implementing a new curriculum. The exact cost cannot be estimated at this time as it would depend upon whether the Department were able to adopt an existing program or would have to develop its own.

Local school districts would incur implementation and training costs with the enactment of the bill. These costs cannot be estimated at this time.

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