

HOUSE BILL No. 5431

March 26, 2014, Introduced by Rep. Hobbs and referred to the Committee on Education.

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled
"The revised school code,"
(MCL 380.1 to 380.1852) by adding section 1162.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 SEC. 1162. (1) BEGINNING WITH THE 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR, THE
2 BOARD OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT OR BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF A PUBLIC SCHOOL
3 ACADEMY SHALL ENSURE THAT THE SCHOOL CURRICULUM INCLUDES AN AGE-
4 APPROPRIATE LESSON OF INSTRUCTION ON INTERNET SAFETY TO BE TAUGHT
5 AT LEAST ONCE EACH SCHOOL YEAR TO PUPILS IN GRADES 3 TO 12. PUBLIC
6 SCHOOLS ARE ENCOURAGED TO INCLUDE THIS LESSON IN THE SCHOOL
7 CURRICULUM BEFORE THAT SCHOOL YEAR. THE BOARD OR BOARD OF DIRECTORS
8 SHALL DETERMINE THE SCOPE AND DURATION OF THESE LESSONS. THE
9 LESSONS MAY BE INCORPORATED INTO THE CURRENT COURSES OF STUDY
10 REGULARLY TAUGHT IN THE SCHOOLS, AS DETERMINED BY THE BOARD OR

1 BOARD OF DIRECTORS. THE LEGISLATURE RECOMMENDS THAT AT LEAST ALL OF
2 THE FOLLOWING TOPICS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED IN THESE LESSONS AT SOME
3 POINT DURING GRADES 3 TO 12, AT AGE AND GRADE LEVELS CONSIDERED
4 APPROPRIATE BY THE BOARD OR BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

5 (A) SAFE AND RESPONSIBLE USE OF SOCIAL NETWORKING WEBSITES,
6 CHAT ROOMS, ELECTRONIC MAIL, BULLETIN BOARDS, INSTANT MESSAGING,
7 AND OTHER MEANS OF COMMUNICATION ON THE INTERNET.

8 (B) RECOGNIZING, AVOIDING, AND REPORTING ONLINE SOLICITATIONS
9 BY SEXUAL PREDATORS.

10 (C) RISKS OF TRANSMITTING PERSONAL INFORMATION ON THE
11 INTERNET.

12 (D) RECOGNIZING AND AVOIDING UNSOLICITED OR DECEPTIVE
13 COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED ONLINE.

14 (E) RECOGNIZING AND REPORTING ONLINE HARASSMENT AND
15 CYBERBULLYING.

16 (F) REPORTING ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES AND COMMUNICATIONS ON THE
17 INTERNET.

18 (G) COPYRIGHT LAWS ON WRITTEN MATERIALS, PHOTOGRAPHS, MUSIC,
19 AND VIDEO.

20 (2) NOT LATER THAN THE BEGINNING OF THE 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR,
21 THE DEPARTMENT SHALL MAKE AVAILABLE RESOURCE MATERIALS FOR
22 EDUCATING PUPILS REGARDING CHILD ONLINE SAFETY. RESOURCE MATERIALS
23 MAY INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO, HANDOUTS, WORKSHEETS,
24 COMPUTER-BASED SLIDESHOW PRESENTATIONS, AND VIDEO PRESENTATIONS.
25 THE DEPARTMENT MAY TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE CURRICULUM AND
26 RESOURCE MATERIALS ON THIS SUBJECT DEVELOPED IN OTHER STATES AND BY
27 OTHER STATE ATTORNEYS GENERAL, AS WELL AS ANY OTHER CURRICULAR AND

1 RESOURCE MATERIALS SUGGESTED BY EDUCATION EXPERTS, SCHOOL
2 PSYCHOLOGISTS, OR TECHNOLOGY COMPANIES THAT WORK ON CHILD ONLINE
3 SAFETY ISSUES. THESE MATERIALS MAY INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO,
4 MATERIALS ADDRESSING SAFE ONLINE COMMUNICATIONS, PRIVACY
5 PROTECTION, CYBERBULLYING, VIEWING INAPPROPRIATE MATERIAL, FILE
6 SHARING, AND THE IMPORTANCE OF OPEN COMMUNICATION WITH RESPONSIBLE
7 ADULTS. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL MAKE THESE RESOURCE MATERIALS
8 AVAILABLE ON ITS INTERNET WEBSITE.