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HOUSE BILL NO. 169

100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE GANNON.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapters 161 and 170, RSMo, by adding thereto two new sections relating to elementary and secondary education.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapters 161 and 170, RSMo, are amended by adding thereto two new sections, to be known as sections 161.265 and 170.024, to read as follows:

161.265. 1. Subject to appropriation, the department of elementary and secondary education shall establish a statewide program to be known as the "Internet and Social Media Awareness Program" to increase awareness of appropriate online behavior and skills among students in public schools.

2. The department of elementary and secondary education shall implement the statewide program beginning in the 2020-21 school year. The department of elementary and secondary education shall consult with the career and technical education advisory council described in section 178.550 in order to develop materials to be used by public schools for the instruction on online behavior required under section 170.024. The career and technical education advisory council shall evaluate the effectiveness of the materials each school year through surveys and data analysis and provide that evaluation to the department of elementary and secondary education.

3. The department of elementary and secondary education may promulgate rules to implement the provisions of this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable, and

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

18 if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review,
19 to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held
20 unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted
21 after August 28, 2019, shall be invalid and void.

170.024. 1. In school year 2020-21 and each school year thereafter, each public
2 school shall ensure that:

3 (1) All students in fourth grade receive instruction on how to navigate online
4 courses and engage in appropriate online behavior; and

5 (2) All students in eighth grade complete a course that provides instruction on how
6 to navigate online courses and engage in appropriate online behavior.

7 2. In school year 2020-21 and each school year thereafter, each public high school
8 shall offer a course that provides instruction on how to navigate online courses and engage
9 in appropriate online behavior. The course shall count as an elective credit toward high
10 school graduation. Students shall not be required to complete the course in order to
11 graduate from high school.

12 3. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 160.516 or any other section, public
13 schools shall use any materials developed by the department of elementary and secondary
14 education under section 161.265 in order to provide the instruction described in this
15 section.

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