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SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
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HOUSE BILL NO. 169
100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Reported from the Committee on Education, April 18, 2019, with recommendation that the Senate Committee Substitute do pass.

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ADRIANE D. CROUSE, Secretary.

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
2 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
2 elementary and secondary education shall establish a statewide
3 program to be known as the "Internet and Social Media Awareness
4 Program" to increase awareness of appropriate online behavior and
5 skills among students in public schools.**

**6 2. The department of elementary and secondary education shall
7 consult with the career and technical education advisory council
8 described in section 178.550 in order to develop materials to be used by
9 public schools for the instruction on online behavior required under
10 section 170.024. The career and technical education advisory council
11 shall evaluate the effectiveness of the materials each school year
12 through surveys and data analysis and provide that evaluation to the
13 department of elementary and secondary education.**

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

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

170.024. 1. Beginning with the 2020-21 school year and each
2 school year thereafter, each school district and charter school shall
3 maintain a policy on internet and social media awareness. The purpose
4 of such policy shall be to protect the health and well-being of all
5 district and charter school students and ensure that all students have
6 age-appropriate instruction on how to navigate online courses and
7 engage in appropriate online behavior. The policy shall be coordinated
8 with other policies supporting the safety and emotional health of
9 students.

10 2. The internet and social media awareness policy shall ensure
11 that all students in fourth grade receive instruction on how to navigate
12 online courses and engage in appropriate online behavior.

13 3. The policy shall specify other age-appropriate educational
14 experiences at both the elementary and secondary levels to ensure that
15 all students receive necessary instruction on internet use and social
16 media awareness.

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