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4 SYNOPSIS:

5 This bill would require the State Board of
6 Education to develop a cyber safety education program
7 focusing on Internet safety, cyberbullying, and
8 sexting.

9 This bill would require the program to be
10 annually presented by school resource officers to each
11 public middle school and high school.

12 This bill would provide parameters for the
13 curriculum of the program and the training of
14 instructors.

15 This bill would also require the state board to
16 adopt appropriate rules and local boards of education
17 to implement the program.

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20 A BILL

21 TO BE ENTITLED

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24 Relating to public K-12 education; to require the State
25 Board of Education to create a cyber safety education program;
26 to provide parameters for the curriculum of the program and
27 the training of instructors; and to require the state board to
28 adopt rules and local boards of education to implement the

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29 program.

30 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

31 Section 1. (a) (1) The State Board of Education shall
32 develop a cyber safety education program focusing on the
33 hazards of the Internet, cyberbullying, and sexting, and
34 providing tips for safe Internet use.

35 (2) The program shall be presented annually at each
36 public middle school and high school.

37 (b) The program shall include, but not be limited to,
38 the following instruction:

39 (1) Alabama laws related to Internet safety,
40 cyberbullying, sexting, and child pornography.

41 (2) Information about the hazards and potential
42 consequences of sexting including, but not limited to:

43 a. How digital files can be easily saved and
44 distributed to others without the knowledge or permission of
45 the sender;

46 b. An explanation of how images sent through messaging
47 services that advertise disappearing pictures could still be
48 retained without the sender's knowledge;

49 c. Mental health risks;

50 d. That images posted online may be seen years later
51 with embarrassing or damaging consequences; and

52 e. How Alabama child pornography laws could be
53 implicated by sexting.

54 (3) Resources available to an individual whose private
55 information or photos are shared including, but not limited
56 to, mental health resources, legal resources, and the National

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57 Center for Missing and Exploited Children's "Take it Down"
58 service.

59 (4) Information about the hazards and potential
60 consequences of cyberbullying including, but not limited to:

61 a. A discussion of how cyberbullying can impact the
62 mental and physical health of a victim;

63 b. Resources for victims of cyberbullying;

64 c. An explanation of possible penalties of
65 cyberbullying, including when cyberbullying could result in
66 school discipline; and

67 d. How to report cyberbullying.

68 (5) General Internet and social media safety tips
69 including, but not limited to, information about the risks
70 associated with posting personal information online,
71 interacting with unfamiliar individuals, and the use of
72 location services.

73 (6) Any other information, advice, or resources related
74 to cyber safety deemed relevant by the board.

75 (c) The program shall be administered by school
76 resource officers. The board shall develop a process to train
77 school resource officers to administer the program.

78 (d) The State Board of Education shall adopt rules to
79 implement and administer this section. Each local board of
80 education shall adopt policies to implement the cyber security
81 education program.

82 Section 2. This act shall become effective on October
83 1, 2025.