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Referred to Committee on EDUCATION

Introduced by:
(ED)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE INCLUSION OF SOCIAL MEDIA
EDUCATION IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL CURRICULUM.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 10-16b of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
3 *1, 2014*):

4 (a) In the public schools the program of instruction offered shall
5 include at least the following subject matter, as taught by legally
6 qualified teachers, the arts; career education; consumer education;
7 health and safety, including, but not limited to, human growth and
8 development, nutrition, first aid, disease prevention, community and
9 consumer health, physical, mental and emotional health, including
10 youth suicide prevention, substance abuse prevention, safety, which
11 may include the dangers of gang membership, [and] accident
12 prevention, and, for grades six to eight, inclusive, the safe use of social
13 media, as defined in section 9-601; language arts, including reading,
14 writing, grammar, speaking and spelling; mathematics; physical
15 education; science; social studies, including, but not limited to,

16 citizenship, economics, geography, government and history; and in
17 addition, on at least the secondary level, one or more world languages
18 and vocational education. For purposes of this subsection, world
19 languages shall include American Sign Language, provided such
20 subject matter is taught by a qualified instructor under the supervision
21 of a teacher who holds a certificate issued by the State Board of
22 Education. For purposes of this subsection, the "arts" means any form
23 of visual or performing arts, which may include, but not be limited to,
24 dance, music, art and theatre.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	10-16b(a)

Statement of Purpose:

To include social media use education in the prescribed courses of study in the public school curriculum.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]