
OLR Bill Analysis

sSB 282

AN ACT CONCERNING THE INCLUSION OF TEEN DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION AND THE SAFE USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL CURRICULUM AND THE AVAILABILITY OF AN ON-LINE STUDY SKILLS CURRICULUM.

SUMMARY:

This bill requires public schools to include, as part of their required curriculum, instruction on (1) teen dating violence awareness and prevention and (2) for grades six through eight, the safe use of social media. It also requires the State Board of Education (SBE) to make curriculum and other materials available to school districts to help them offer online remedial study skills instruction to students. SBE must do so within available appropriations and using available resource materials.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2014

BACKGROUND

Social Media

The law defines “social media” as an electronic medium where users may create and view user-generated content, such as uploaded or downloaded videos or still photographs, blogs, video blogs, podcasts, or instant messages (CGS 2014 Supplement, § 9-601(31)).

COMMITTEE ACTION

Education Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 29 Nay 4 (03/19/2014)