



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 949**

LCO No. 4677



Referred to Committee on EDUCATION

Introduced by:  
(ED)

**AN ACT CREATING AN ADVISORY COUNCIL RELATING TO DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP, INTERNET SAFETY AND MEDIA LITERACY.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2017*) There is established a Digital  
2 Citizenship, Internet Safety and Media Literacy Advisory Council  
3 within the Department of Education. The council shall consist of  
4 teachers, librarians, representatives from parent-teacher organizations  
5 and persons with expertise in digital citizenship, Internet safety and  
6 media literacy, as appointed by the Commissioner of Education. The  
7 council shall provide recommendations to the State Board of Education  
8 regarding (1) best practices relating to instruction in digital citizenship,  
9 Internet safety and media literacy, and (2) methods of instructing  
10 students to safely, ethically, responsibly and effectively use media and  
11 technology resources.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2017</i>	New section
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***Statement of Purpose:***

To create an advisory council within the Department of Education relating to digital citizenship, Internet safety and media literacy.

*[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.]*