



103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2023 and 2024

HB4625

Introduced 1/31/2024, by Rep. Janet Yang Rohr

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/27-20.07 new

Amends the Courses of Study Article of the School Code. Provides that all school districts shall, with guidance and standards provided by the State Board of Education and a group of educators convened by the State Board of Education, ensure that students receive developmentally appropriate opportunities to gain digital literacy skills beginning in elementary school. Provides that digital literacy instruction shall include developmentally appropriate instruction in digital citizenship skills, media literacy, and AI literacy. Provides that digital literacy skills may, based on the recommendation of the State Board of Education, incorporate existing computer literacy standards. Sets forth what the digital citizenship skills instruction, media literacy instruction, and AI literacy instruction shall include. Effective July 1, 2024.

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STATE MANDATES
ACT MAY REQUIRE
REIMBURSEMENT

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning education.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The School Code is amended by adding Section
5 27-20.07 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/27-20.07 new)

7 Sec. 27-20.07. Digital literacy skills.

8 (a) In this Section:

9 "AI" means artificial intelligence.

10 "Cybersecurity" means the ability to stay safe while using
11 technology to engage with society.

12 "Digital citizenship" means the ability to act responsibly
13 while using technology, such as computers, the Internet, or
14 digital devices, in order to engage with society.

15 "Generative AI" means an AI model that can take in a
16 variety of inputs, typically expressive content such as text
17 or an image, and can produce expressive content as its output.

18 "Media literacy" means the ability to access, analyze,
19 evaluate, create, and communicate using a variety of objective
20 forms, including, but not limited to, print, visual, audio,
21 interactive, and digital text forms.

22 (b) All school districts shall, with guidance and
23 standards provided by the State Board of Education and a group

1 of educators convened by the State Board of Education, ensure
2 that students receive developmentally appropriate
3 opportunities to gain digital literacy skills beginning in
4 elementary school. Digital literacy instruction shall include
5 developmentally appropriate instruction in digital citizenship
6 skills, media literacy, and AI literacy as provided in this
7 Section.

8 (c) Digital literacy skills may, based on the
9 recommendation of the State Board of Education, incorporate
10 existing computer literacy standards.

11 (d) At a minimum, digital citizenship skills instruction
12 shall include all of the following:

13 (1) The meaning and impact of a student's digital
14 footprint while inside and outside of the classroom.

15 (2) Cybersecurity while inside and outside of the
16 classroom.

17 (e) At a minimum, media literacy instruction shall include
18 all media literacy requirements under Section 27-20.08 of this
19 Code.

20 (f) At a minimum, AI literacy instruction shall include
21 all of the following:

22 (1) What constitutes generative AI.

23 (2) Ethics and responsibilities associated with the
24 use of generative AI.

25 (3) Instruction on age-appropriate use of generative
26 AI.

1 (4) Instruction on how AI impacts the world.

2 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,
3 2024.