

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 27-13.3 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/27-13.3 new)

7 Sec. 27-13.3. Internet safety education curriculum.

8 (a) The purpose of this Section is to inform and protect
9 students from inappropriate or illegal communications and
10 solicitation and to encourage school districts to provide
11 education about Internet threats and risks, including without
12 limitation child predators, fraud, and other dangers.

13 (b) The General Assembly finds and declares the following:

14 (1) it is the policy of this State to protect consumers
15 and Illinois residents from deceptive and unsafe
16 communications that result in harassment, exploitation, or
17 physical harm;

18 (2) children have easy access to the Internet at home,
19 school, and public places;

20 (3) the Internet is used by sexual predators and other
21 criminals to make initial contact with children and other
22 vulnerable residents in Illinois; and

23 (4) education is an effective method for preventing

1 children from falling prey to online predators, identity
2 theft, and other dangers.

3 (c) Each school may adopt an age-appropriate curriculum for
4 Internet safety instruction of students in grades kindergarten
5 through 12. It is hereby recommended that the curriculum
6 provide for a minimum of 2 hours of Internet safety education
7 each school year that includes instruction on each of the
8 following topics:

9 (1) Safe and responsible use of social networking
10 websites, chat rooms, electronic mail, bulletin boards,
11 instant messaging, and other means of communication on the
12 Internet.

13 (2) Recognizing, avoiding, and reporting online
14 solicitations of students, their classmates, and their
15 friends by sexual predators.

16 (3) Risks of transmitting personal information on the
17 Internet.

18 (4) Recognizing and avoiding unsolicited or deceptive
19 communications received online.

20 (5) Recognizing and reporting online harassment and
21 cyber-bullying.

22 (6) Reporting illegal activities and communications on
23 the Internet.

24 (7) Copyright laws on written materials, photographs,
25 music, and video.

26 (d) Curricula devised in accordance with subsection (c) of

1 this Section may be submitted for review to the Office of the
2 Illinois Attorney General.

3 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
4 becoming law.