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HOUSE BILL 21-1103

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE MEDIA**
102 **LITERACY ADVISORY COMMITTEE IN ELEMENTARY AND**
103 **SECONDARY EDUCATION CREATED PURSUANT TO HOUSE BILL**
104 **19-1110.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)

The bill requires the department of education (department) to create and maintain an online resource bank of materials and resources pertaining to media literacy. At a minimum, the resource bank must

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*Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
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HOUSE
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March 19, 2021

include the materials and resources recommended in the media literacy advisory committee's report.

The bill requires the department, upon the request of a school district, charter school, institute charter school, or board of cooperative services, and subject to available resources, to provide technical assistance to a school district, charter school, institute charter school, or board of cooperative services, with implementing policies and procedures, best practices, and recommendations related to media literacy.

The bill requires the state board of education to review and adopt revisions that implement media literacy within reading, writing, and civics standards.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1. Legislative declaration.** (1) The general assembly
3 finds and declares that:

4 (a) Freedom of speech is a right that must not be infringed. In
5 order to protect and reinforce this important right, the functioning of our
6 democracy requires that Coloradans possess the ability to understand
7 context and think critically about the information they are presented.

8 (b) The growth of social media platforms and their integration into
9 the media diet of Coloradans has created an opportunity for the rapid and
10 widespread dissemination of misinformation; and

11 (c) While the increase of misinformation has created significant
12 divisions in our society, Coloradans maintain more in common than not.
13 Our ability to unite and collaborate toward successful solutions for the
14 benefit of all Coloradans depends upon our ability to collectively identify
15 and critically examine facts.

16 (2) Therefore, the general assembly declares that equipping the
17 youth of Colorado with the critical thinking skills necessary to analyze the
18 information, claims, and sources presented to them through media will
19 empower them to make more informed decisions, serve to strengthen our

1 democracy, and protect the health, safety, and welfare of our state.

2 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-2-145, **repeal** (5);
3 and **add** (6) and (7) as follows:

4 **22-2-145. Media literacy - committee - report - strategic plan**
5 **- resource bank - definition - rules.** (5) ~~This section is repealed,~~
6 ~~effective July 1, 2021.~~

7 (6) (a) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CREATE AND MAINTAIN AN
8 ONLINE RESOURCE BANK OF MATERIALS AND RESOURCES PERTAINING TO
9 MEDIA LITERACY. AT A MINIMUM, THE RESOURCE BANK MUST INCLUDE
10 THE MATERIALS AND RESOURCES RECOMMENDED IN THE COMMITTEE'S
11 REPORT CREATED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION. THE
12 DEPARTMENT SHALL CREATE THE ONLINE RESOURCE BANK ON OR BEFORE
13 THE DATE WHEN REVISIONS ARE ADOPTED TO INCLUDE KNOWLEDGE AND
14 SKILLS RELATING TO MEDIA LITERACY WITHIN THE READING, WRITING, OR
15 CIVICS STANDARDS, WHICHEVER REVISIONS OCCUR FIRST, PURSUANT TO
16 SECTION 22-7-1005 (2.6).

17 (b) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROMULGATE RULES, IF NECESSARY,
18 TO IMPLEMENT A PROCEDURE THROUGH WHICH A PERSON MAY PROVIDE
19 COMMENT ON A MATERIAL OR RESOURCE WITHIN THE RESOURCE BANK,
20 INCLUDING A COMMENT RECOMMENDING THE REMOVAL OR INCLUSION OF
21 A MATERIAL OR RESOURCE WITHIN THE RESOURCE BANK.

22 (c) UPON THE REQUEST OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT, DISTRICT CHARTER
23 SCHOOL, INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL, OR BOARD OF COOPERATIVE
24 SERVICES, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE, SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE
25 RESOURCES, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO A SCHOOL DISTRICT, DISTRICT
26 CHARTER SCHOOL, INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL, OR BOARD OF
27 COOPERATIVE SERVICES, WITH IMPLEMENTING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES,

1 BEST PRACTICES, AND RECOMMENDATIONS RELATED TO MEDIA LITERACY.

2 (7) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY LAW TO THE CONTRARY, A SCHOOL
3 DISTRICT, DISTRICT CHARTER SCHOOL, INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL, OR
4 BOARD OF COOPERATIVE SERVICES IS NOT REQUIRED TO ADOPT OR
5 IMPLEMENT ANY MATERIAL OR RESOURCE FROM THE RESOURCE BANK INTO
6 ITS CURRICULUM.

7 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-7-1005, **add** (2.6)
8 as follows:

9 **22-7-1005. Preschool through elementary and secondary**
10 **education - aligned standards - adoption - revisions.** (2.6) (a) THE
11 STATE BOARD SHALL ADOPT REVISIONS TO THE READING, WRITING, AND
12 CIVICS STANDARDS THAT IDENTIFY THE KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS THAT AN
13 ELEMENTARY THROUGH SECONDARY EDUCATION STUDENT SHOULD
14 ACQUIRE RELATING TO MEDIA LITERACY. THE KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS
15 RELATING TO MEDIA LITERACY MUST GIVE DUE CONSIDERATION TO
16 RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE MEDIA LITERACY ADVISORY
17 COMMITTEE'S REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-2-145 (2)(a)(I).

18 (b) THE INITIAL ADOPTED REVISIONS REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION
19 (2.6)(a) OF THIS SECTION, AND SUBSEQUENT REVIEWS AND ADOPTIONS OF
20 ANY APPROPRIATE REVISIONS, MUST OCCUR PURSUANT TO THE STANDARD
21 SCHEDULE DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (6) OF THIS SECTION.

22 **SECTION 4. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
23 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
24 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety.