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AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to digital literacy
instruction

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEM-
BLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 Section 1. Section 814 of the education law, as added by chapter 526
2 of the laws of 2006, subdivision 3 as added by chapter 545 of the laws
3 of 2008, is amended to read as follows:
4 S 814. Courses of study in DIGITAL LITERACY, TO INCLUDE internet safe-
5 ty. 1. Any school district in the state may provide, to pupils in grades
6 kindergarten through twelve, instruction designed to promote the proper
7 and safe use of the internet AND PREPARE STUDENTS TO USE TECHNOLOGY AND
8 THE INTERNET TO ACCESS, EVALUATE, CREATE AND SHARE INFORMATION IN AN
9 APPROPRIATE, EFFECTIVE AND SAFE MANNER.
10 2. The commissioner shall provide technical assistance to assist in
11 the development of curricula for such courses of study which shall be
12 age appropriate and developed according to the needs and abilities of
13 pupils at successive grade levels in order to provide awareness, skills,
14 information and support to aid in the safe usage of the internet AND TO
15 DEVELOP DIGITALLY LITERATE STUDENTS.
16 3. The commissioner shall develop age-appropriate resources and tech-
17 nical assistance for schools to provide to students in grades three
18 through twelve and their parents or legal guardians concerning the safe
19 and responsible use of the internet. The resources shall include, but
20 not be limited to, information regarding how child predators may use the
21 internet to lure and exploit children, protecting personal information,
22 internet scams and cyber-bullying.
23 S 2. This act shall take effect on the first of September next
24 succeeding the date on which it shall have become a law.

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[] is old law to be omitted.

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