

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Chapter 3 of Title 22.1 a section numbered*
3 *22.1-24.1, relating to Superintendent of Public Instruction; establishment of the Digital Citizenship,*
4 *Internet Safety, and Media Literacy Advisory Council.*

5 [H 1026]

6 Approved

7 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

8 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Chapter 3 of Title 22.1 a section numbered**
9 **22.1-24.1 as follows:**

10 **§ 22.1-24.1. Digital Citizenship, Internet Safety, and Media Literacy Advisory Council.**

11 *A. The Superintendent shall establish and appoint members to the Digital Citizenship, Internet Safety,*
12 *and Media Literacy Advisory Council (the Council) for the purpose of advancing the goal of safe,*
13 *ethical, and responsible use of media and technology by students and teachers in public elementary and*
14 *secondary schools in the Commonwealth.*

15 *B. The membership of the Council shall include at least one (i) teacher; (ii) librarian; (iii)*
16 *representative of a parent-teacher organization who is a parent of a school-age child; (iv) school*
17 *administrator; (v) student; and (vi) individual with expertise in digital citizenship, Internet safety, and*
18 *media literacy, and such other individuals as the Superintendent deems appropriate, provided that the*
19 *membership of the Council shall not exceed 12.*

20 *C. The Council shall:*

21 *1. Develop and recommend to the Board for adoption, after study and consideration of a variety of*
22 *sources and perspectives, a model policy for local school boards in the Commonwealth that would*
23 *enable such school boards to better support the digital citizenship, Internet safety, and media literacy of*
24 *all students and teachers in the local school division;*

25 *2. Develop and recommend to the Board for adoption model instructional practices for the safe,*
26 *ethical, and responsible use of media and technology by students and teachers in public elementary and*
27 *secondary schools in the Commonwealth; and*

28 *3. Design and post on the Department's website a page with links to successful instructional*
29 *practices, curricula, and other teacher resources used in school divisions within and outside of the*
30 *Commonwealth for the safe, ethical, and responsible use of media and technology by students and*
31 *teachers.*

32 **2. That the provisions of this act shall expire on July 1, 2024.**

33 **3. That the Digital Citizenship, Internet Safety, and Media Literacy Advisory Council established**
34 **by this act shall submit a report of its findings to the Chairmen of the House Committee on**
35 **Education and the Senate Committee on Education and Health no later than October 31, 2023.**