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SENATE BILL 7051-A

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STATE OF NEW YORK

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Cal. No. 1031

IN SENATE

March 5, 2008

Introduced by Sens. SALAND, ALESI, BONACIC, DeFRANCISCO, FARLEY, FLANAGAN, FUSCHILLO, GOLDEN, GRIFFO, O. JOHNSON, LANZA, LARKIN, LAVALLE, LEIBELL, LITTLE, MALTESE, MAZIARZ, MORAHAN, NOZZOLIO, PADAVAN, RATH, ROBACH, SEWARD, TRUNZO, VOLKER, YOUNG -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Education -- reported favorably from said committee, ordered to first and second report, ordered to a third reading, amended and ordered reprinted, retaining its place in the order of third reading

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to instruction in safe and responsible use of the internet

A 11256-A Brodsky

DATE RECEIVED BY GOVERNOR:

AUG 25 2008

ACTION MUST BE TAKEN BY:

SEP 05 2008

DATE GOVERNOR'S ACTION TAKEN:

SEP 04 2008

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SENATE VOTE 62 Y 0 N

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ASSEMBLY VOTE 138 Y 0 N

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S7051-A SALANDSame as A 11256-A Brodsky

06/23/08 S7051-A Assembly Vote

Yes: 138 No : 0

06/23/08 S7051-A Senate Vote

Aye: 62 Nay: 0

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06/23/08 S7051-A Assembly Vote Yes: 138 No : 0

Yes Abbate	Yes Alessi	Yes Alfano	Yes Amedore
ER Arroyo	Yes Aubry	Yes Bacalles	Yes Ball
Yes Barclay	Yes Barra	Yes Benedetto	Yes Benjamin
Yes Bing	Yes Boyland	Yes Boyle	Yes Bradley
Yes Brennan	Yes Brodsky	Yes Brook-Krasny	Yes Burling
Yes Butler	Yes Cahill	Yes Calhoun	Yes Camara
Yes Canestrari	Yes Carrozza	ER Christensen	Yes Clark
Yes Cole	Yes Colton	Yes Conte	Yes Cook
Yes Crouch	Yes Cusick	Yes Cymbrowitz	Yes DelMonte
Yes Destito	Yes Diaz L	Yes Diaz R	Yes Dinowitz
Yes Duprey	Yes Eddington	Yes Englebright	Yes Errigo
Yes Espaillat	Yes Farrell	Yes Fields	Yes Finch
Yes Fitzpatrick	Yes Gabryszak	Yes Galef	ER Gantt
Yes Gianaris	Yes Giglio	Yes Glick	Yes Gordon
Yes Gottfried	ER Greene	Yes Gunther A	Yes Hawley
Yes Hayes	Yes Heastie	Yes Hevesi	Yes Hikind
Yes Hooper	Yes Hoyt	Yes Hyer-Spencer	Yes Jacobs
Yes Jaffee	Yes Jeffries	Yes John	Yes Kavanagh
Yes Kellner	ER Kirwan	Yes Kolb	Yes Koon
ER Lafayette	Yes Lancman	Yes Latimer	Yes Lavine
Yes Lentol	Yes Lifton	Yes Lopez P	Yes Lopez V
Yes Lupardo	Yes Magee	Yes Magnarelli	Yes Maisel
Yes Markey	Yes Mayersohn	ER McDonald	Yes McDonough
Yes McEneny	Yes McKevitt	Yes Miller	Yes Millman
Yes Molinaro	Yes Morelle	ER Nolan	Yes Oaks
Yes O'Donnell	Yes O'Mara	Yes Ortiz	Yes Parment
Yes Paulin	Yes Peoples	Yes Peralta	Yes Perry
Yes Pheffer	Yes Powell	Yes Pretlow	Yes Quinn
Yes Rabbitt	Yes Raia	Yes Ramos	Yes Reilich
Yes Reilly	ER Rivera J	Yes Rivera N	Yes Rivera P
Yes Robinson	Yes Rosenthal	Yes Saladino	Yes Sayward
Yes Scarborough	Yes Schimel	Yes Schimminger	Yes Schroeder
Yes Scozzafava	ER Seminerio	Yes Spano	Yes Stirpe
Yes Sweeney	Yes Tedisco	Yes Thiele	Yes Titone
Yes Titus	Yes Tobacco	Yes Towns	Yes Townsend
Yes Walker	Yes Weinstein	Yes Weisenberg	Yes Weprin
Yes Wright	Yes Young	Yes Zebrowski K	Yes Mr. Speaker

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06/23/08 S7051-A Senate Vote Aye: 62 Nay: 0

Aye Adams	Aye Alesi	Aye Aubertine	Aye Bonacic
Aye Breslin	Aye Bruno	Aye Connor	Aye DeFrancisco
Aye Diaz	Aye Dilan	Aye Duane	Aye Farley
Aye Flanagan	Aye Fuschillo	Aye Golden	Aye Gonzalez

Aye Griffo	Aye Hannon	Aye Hassell- Thompson	Aye Huntley
Aye Johnson C	Aye Johnson O	Aye Klein	Aye Krueger
Aye Kruger	Aye Lanza	Aye Larkin	Aye LaValle
Aye Leibell	Aye Libous	Aye Little	Aye Maltese
Aye Marcellino	Aye Maziarz	Aye Montgomery	Aye Morahan
Aye Nozzolio	Aye Onorato	Aye Oppenheimer	Aye Padavan
Aye Parker	Aye Perkins	Aye Rath	Aye Robach
Aye Sabini	Aye Saland	Aye Sampson	Aye Savino
Aye Schneiderman	Aye Serrano	Aye Seward	Aye Skelos
Aye Smith	Aye Stachowski	Aye Stavisky	Aye Stewart-Cousins
Aye Thompson	Aye Trunzo	Aye Valesky	Aye Volker
Aye Winner	Aye Young		

DIVISION OF THE BUDGET BILL MEMORANDUM

Session Year 2008

SENATE:
No. 7051-A

ASSEMBLY:
No. 11256-A

Primary Sponsor: Senator Saland

Law: Education

Sections: 814

Division of the Budget recommendation on the above bill

APPROVE: _____ VETO: _____ NO OBJECTION: X

1&2. Subject, Purpose and Summary of Provisions:

Effective immediately, this bill would require the Commissioner of Education to develop age-appropriate resources and provide technical assistance to students in grades three through twelve and their parents or legal guardians for instruction in the safe and responsible use of the internet including information on child predators, protecting personal information, internet scams and cyber-bullying. Current statute provides that the Commissioner of Education shall provide assistance in the development of a curriculum on safe usage of the internet without specific direction as to the content. This bill would amend the current statute to require the Commissioner to develop and implement the resources for parents as well as students and adds the requirement to include information on child predators, cyber-bullying, protecting personal information and internet scams into the curricula.

3. Legislative History:

This is a new bill.

4. Arguments in Support:

It could be argued that this bill would promote Internet safety and deter sexual predation via the Internet. As a result of this bill, school districts would have access to the resources to educate both students and parents about the dangers of sexual predation, cyber-bullying and access to personal information on the Internet.

5. Arguments in Opposition:

It could be argued that this bill is unnecessary since there are currently no restrictions that preclude school districts from including education on the safe use of the Internet. It could also be argued that this bill places an unfunded administrative burden on the State Education Department in terms of providing technical assistance for the development of the curricula without providing additional resources.

6. Other State Agencies Interested:

The State Education Department...

7. Other Interested Groups:

New York State School Boards Association has no objection to this bill.

8. Budget Implications:

This bill has no impact on the 2008-09 State Financial Plan.

9. Recommendation:

Although it appears that this bill may be unnecessary, the Division of the Budget has no objection to its enactment.

**NEW YORK STATE SENATE
INTRODUCER'S MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT
submitted in accordance with Senate Rule VI. Sec 1**

BILL NUMBER: S7051A

SPONSOR: SALAND

TITLE OF BILL:

An act to amend the education law, in relation to instruction in safe and responsible use of the internet

PURPOSE:

The intent of this legislation is to protect children - and give children the knowledge to protect themselves - from predators, cyberbullies and those who seek to take advantage of them via the Internet. This bill ensures that students and parents have comprehensive, age-appropriate Internet safety resources and technical assistance to help them recognize pitfalls, take action to prevent unwanted e-mails and solicitations, and use the Internet responsibly.

SUMMARY OF PROVISIONS:

Section 1. Legislative findings and intent.

Section 2. Directs the State Education Commissioner to develop age-appropriate resources and technical assistance for schools to provide to students in grades three through twelve and their parents or legal guardians concerning the safe and responsible use of the Internet.

Section 3. Effective date.

JUSTIFICATION:

Today's children have grown up in the age of the Internet and most consider it a valuable conduit for high-speed learning, research, socialization, communication, recreation and global outreach. However, the Internet has also become an open, unrestricted invitation for 24/7 access to our lives, and a hunting ground for predators. In 2006 alone, the U.S. Department of Justice reported that 1 in 5 children, ages 10 to 17, received an unwanted sexual solicitation online, but only 25% of children who have been solicited told a parent according to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. Surveys show that students do not report these contacts because they do not recognize the tactics used by predators under the cloak of electronic anonymity to lure, victimize and abuse their victims.

In addition, increasing numbers of children are subjected to intimidation, harassment and bullying via the computer, websites, chat rooms, text messaging and cell phones. From a 2004 survey, i-SAFE, a non-profit youth Internet safety foundation, reports that 42% of kids have been bullied while online and 1 in 4 have had it happen more than once. Those who are bullied may be reluctant to report attacks for fear of losing access to the Internet or because they are not prepared to deal with

virtual-life challenges. Many children cannot resist the allure of innumerable social and "how to" websites and chat rooms that invite them to share their most intimate hopes and fears, pictures and videos that can become an unintended cyber-legacy which can impact them for years to come - or worse, cause them to be victimized by those who prey upon the innocent. The intent of this legislation is to raise awareness of the need for vigilance, and to ensure that students and parents have a comprehensive, age-appropriate Internet safety and resources guide throughout their school tenure that will enable students to maximize the Internet's potential while protecting them from sexual predators and others with malicious intentions.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

New bill.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

Minimal to the State.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

This act shall take effect immediately; the Internet safety resources and guidelines will be completed on or before 180 days next succeeding that date on which this act shall have become law



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DAVID A. PATERSON
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SECRETARY OF STATE

MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Terryl Brown Clemons, Esq.
Acting Counsel to the Governor

From: Matthew W. Tebo, Esq.
Legislative Counsel

Date: July 11, 2008

Subject: S.7051-A (Sen. Saland)
Recommendation: No comment

The Department of State has no comment on the above referenced bill.

If you have any questions or comments regarding our position on the bill, or if we can otherwise assist you, please feel free to contact me at (518) 474-6740.

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Counsel and Deputy Commissioner for Legal Affairs
Tel. 518-474-6400
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July 14, 2008

TO: Counsel to the Governor

FROM: Kathy A. Ahearn

SUBJECT: S. 7051-A

RECOMMENDATION: Approval

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION:

This bill would amend §814 of the Education Law regarding courses of study in Internet safety. The bill would require the Commissioner to develop age-appropriate resources and technical assistance for schools to provide to students in grades three through twelve and their parents and legal guardians concerning the safe and responsible use of the Internet. The resources would include, but not be limited to, information regarding how child predators may use the Internet to lure and exploit children, personal information protection, Internet scams and cyber-bullying.

The State Education Department recommends approval of this bill. Currently, Education Law §814 requires the Commissioner to provide technical assistance to assist school districts in developing age-appropriate curricula in order to provide awareness, skills, information and support to aid in the safe usage of the Internet. As part of that responsibility, the Department has developed a plan to: develop online Internet safety resources for teachers, students, administrators and parents; coordinate local and regional resources to assist schools and districts with professional development and training for teachers and students on the safe and appropriate use of the Internet; and collect data regarding the availability and use of such resources, professional development and training. This bill would codify existing Department efforts to support schools and districts in promoting Internet safety and would extend the availability of such resources, through schools and school districts, to parents and legal guardians.

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David A. Paterson
Governor

STATE OF NEW YORK
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
CONSUMER PROTECTION BOARD

Mindy A. Bockstein
Chairperson and Executive Director

TO: Terry Brown Clemons, Acting Counsel to the Governor
FROM: Lisa Harris-Eglin, Deputy Executive Director and General Counsel
SUBJECT: A11256-A(Brodsky)/S. 7051-A (Saland)
DATE: July 14, 2008

CPB Position: Support.

Thank you for inviting the Consumer Protection Board (CPB) to comment on A.11256-A/S.7051-A

Current Law:

Currently, section 814 of the education law broadly requires the Commissioner of the State Department of Education to develop curricula for age-appropriate courses of study for the safe use of the Internet.

Proposed Amendment:

This bill amends section 814 of the education law by adding new subdivision 3 to clarify and expand the responsibilities of the State Education Department. This proposal requires the Commissioner of Education to develop age-appropriate resources and technical assistance for schools to provide to students in grades three through twelve and their parents or legal guardians concerning the safe and responsible use of the Internet. The resources shall include, but not be limited to, information regarding how child predators may use the Internet to lure and exploit children, protection of personal information, Internet scams and cyber-bullying.

Comment:

As technology continues to expand the sophistication of social networking sites and wireless communication devices, children are becoming more vulnerable to predators and scams while at home or at school. A recent American Academy of Pediatrics study, cited in a February 2008 article titled, *“Online sex predators prefer IM, chat room to social networks”* by Nate Anderson (ARS Technica) highlighted IM and chat rooms as new fertile ground for predators. The article referenced the study reporting that fifteen percent of all children surveyed (1,588 10-15 year olds) indicated that they had received an unwanted sexual solicitation online.¹ Although the study noted that predators are reducing their usage of online social networking sites to find their victims, the creation of new technology will always present opportunities to expose children to the potential for

¹ “How Risky Are Social Networking Sites? A comparison of Places Online Where Youth Sexual Solicitation and Harassment Occurs” by, Michele L. Ybarra, MPH, PhD and Kimberly Mitchell, PhD, Pediatrics, the Official Journal of the American Academy of Pediatrics. February 2008. Pediatrics Vol. 121 No 2 February 2008, pp.e350-e357.



victimization. Therefore, it is essential that youngsters be advised and cautioned about the inappropriate uses of these new technologies, while not discouraging their applications in learning, researching, communication and recreation.

The CPB features a Kids' Page on its website, hosted by a children's mascot, Champ, a real-life golden retriever. A newsletter for kids entitled "KIDSUMERS" is distributed three times a year across the state in hard copy as well as to organizations within "Children's Youth Network" in PDF for further distribution. The CPB offers tips on Internet safety and encourages children to always consult an adult or guardian before visiting sites on the web and to never provide personal information. See, http://www.nysconsumer.gov/pdf/Internet_usage.pdf. Further, although not required to be, the CPB's Kids Page is COPPA compliant. The goal of the CPB's youth programming is to help parents, guardians and educators inform children about safety issues and certain aspects of consumerism or "kidsumerism" while they are young so they can mature into savvy consumers.

The development and distribution of resources to help educate school personnel and students about online dangers can only support efforts being made by law enforcement, the media, (such the Dateline series, "*To Catch a Predator*") and others, to help keep children safe. Accordingly, the CPB supports this legislation and offers our assistance in this endeavor.





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August 26, 2008

Honorable Terryl Brown Clemons
Acting Counsel to the Governor
Executive Chamber
State Capitol
Albany, NY 12224

Via E-mail

RE: Senate Bill Number 7051-A
No Objection

Dear Ms. Clemons:

This is in response to your request for comment on the above-referenced legislation which amends the Education Law in relation to instruction in safe and responsible use of the Internet.

This legislation directs the State Education Commissioner to develop age-appropriate resources and technical assistance for schools to provide to students in grades three through twelve, and their parents or legal guardians, concerning the safe and responsible use of the Internet. Although this bill will not impact the operations of this agency, the intent has merit. Accordingly, the Division of Criminal Justice Services has **no objection** to **S. 7051-A**.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this legislation.

Very truly yours,

Denise E. O'Donnell

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September 2, 2008

Memorandum to the Governor regarding Senate Bill Number 7051 by Senator Saland, entitled
AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to instruction in safe and responsible
use of the internet”

The internet is a great resource for students to gather information on schoolwork, homework, or to communicate with teachers, parents, and other classmates. Unfortunately, the internet has been used by some to victimize our children and communities. The intent of this legislation is to protect and safeguard students and their parents from the potential dangers that exist on the information highway.

This legislation also directs the Commissioner of Education to be responsible for creating age appropriate resources and provide technical assistance for schools to educate students beginning in grades three through twelve and their parents concerning safe, responsible use of the internet.

Young students should not have to be concerned about threats, harassment, bullying, or cyber bullying. Therefore, it is incumbent upon the state to insure that each school district provide materials to educate and inform both students and their parents regarding the benefits and dangers of the internet. This initiative should also teach children and their guardian about the dangers of the internet and teach them and their parents how to be “street smart” in order to better protect themselves from any potentially dangerous situation.

Studies have shown that teenagers are particularly at risk because they often go online unsupervised and are more likely than younger children to participate in discussions with strangers online regarding companionship and relationships. NYSUT will continue to support and promote legislation that recognizes efforts to protect and inform students and their parents on issues that may harm them.

THE NEW YORK STATE UNITED TEACHERS STRONGLY URGES THE ENACTMENT OF THIS LEGISLATION.

Sincerely,

Stephen K. Allinger
Director of Legislation

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THE COUNCIL^{of}
SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS

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July 16, 2008

Hon. Terryl Brown Clemons, Esq.
Acting Counsel to the Governor
Executive Chamber
State Capitol
Albany, New York 12224

RE: S. 7051-A (Saland)/ A. 11256 (Brodsky) – SUPPORT
AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to instruction in safe and responsible use of the internet

Dear Ms. Clemons:

This bill directs the Commissioner to develop age-appropriate resources and technical assistance concerning the safe and responsible use of the internet for schools to provide students grades 3-12 and their parents or legal guardians.

THE COUNCIL supports this measure to arm parents with the information and tools to better protect their children from child predators and cyber-bullies on the internet. A greater awareness of how predators use the internet would increase students' vigilance of such dangers and recognition of tactics used by predators.

Thank you for seeking the reactions of the Council of School Superintendents.

Sincerely,



DOUGLAS E. GERHARDT
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August 29th, 2008

The Honorable Governor Paterson
Governor of New York
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RE: S7051 – Instruction in Safe and Responsible Use of the Internet

Dear Governor Paterson:

On behalf of AeA, I respectfully request that you sign S7051- Instruction in Safe and Responsible Use of the Internet. This bill would amend the education law requiring the Commissioner to develop age-appropriate resources and provide technical assistance to aid New York schools in teaching students and their parents about safe and responsible uses of the internet.

One of the most effective ways to ensure that children do not become victims of cyber crimes is to make sure every school teaches its children a minimum set of prevention methods in all areas of cyber awareness. Creating age appropriate curriculum will help children recognize, respond to, and report dangerous situations they may come across while online. In the past, schools have led the charge to educate our youth on ways to protect themselves from threats they may come across in their neighborhood, like “don’t talk to strangers” or “just say no.” Once again, schools must take the lead to educate our children. This bill, S7051, takes an important step in helping schools provide students and parents with effective information regarding the proper uses of the Internet.

Protecting children from online threats is a top priority of the high-tech industry. Our member companies take this obligation seriously and devote significant resources to ensure a safe online environment for all users, particularly children. As a result, our industry has implemented technical solutions like parental controls, worked with non-profit organizations, and with law enforcement officials to best protect children. We believe that there is no single solution for best protecting children online. Rather online safety requires a multi-faceted approach involving ever evolving technology, public education and partnerships with law enforcement and other groups to keep the Internet safe for children.

In an age where students are being encouraged to use the Internet for education purposes, learning how to properly, safely, and securely use the Internet is critical if students are to reap its benefits. Thus, AeA fully supports S7051 and respectfully requests that you sign it.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Justin M. Wright', is written over a horizontal line.

Justin M. Wright
Northeast Regional Policy Director
AeA

AeA is the nation's largest high-tech trade association, representing over 1.8 million high-tech workers in more than 2,500 IT sector companies, which span the high-technology spectrum, from software, semiconductors, medical devices and computers, to Internet technology, advanced electronics and telecommunications systems and services.

STATE OF NEW YORK

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Cal. No. 1031

IN SENATE

March 5, 2008

Introduced by Sens. SALAND, ALESİ, BONACIC, DeFRANCISCO, FARLEY, FLANAGAN, FUSCHILLO, GOLDEN, GRIFFO, O. JOHNSON, LANZA, LARKIN, LAVALLE, LEIBELL, LITTLE, MALTESE, MAZIARZ, MORAHAN, NOZZOLIO, PADAVAN, RATH, ROBACH, SEWARD, TRUNZO, VOLKER, YOUNG -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Education -- reported favorably from said committee, ordered to first and second report, ordered to a third reading, amended and ordered reprinted, retaining its place in the order of third reading

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to instruction in safe and responsible use of the internet

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Legislative findings and intent. The legislature finds that
2 today's children have grown up in the age of the internet and most
3 consider it a valuable conduit for high-speed learning, research,
4 socialization, communication, recreation and global outreach. However,
5 the internet has also become a hunting ground for predators.

6 The legislature finds that the U.S. Department of Justice reported in
7 2006 that one in five children, ages ten to seventeen, received an
8 unwanted sexual solicitation online, but only 25% of children who have
9 been solicited told a parent according to the National Center for Miss-
10 ing and Exploited Children. In addition, increasing numbers of children
11 are subjected to intimidation, harassment and bullying via the computer,
12 websites, chat rooms, text messaging and cell phones. From a 2004
13 survey, I-SAFE, a non-profit youth internet safety foundation, reports
14 that 42% of kids have been bullied while online and 1 in 4 have had it
15 happen more than once.

16 The legislature further finds that students do not report these
17 contacts because they do not recognize the tactics used by predators
18 under the cloak of electronic anonymity to lure, victimize and abuse
19 their victims. Those who are bullied can also be reluctant to report
20 attacks for fear of losing access to the internet or because they are
21 not prepared to deal with virtual-life challenges.

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

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1 The intent of this legislation is to raise awareness of the need for
2 vigilance and to ensure that students and parents have comprehensive,
3 age appropriate internet safety resources throughout their school tenure
4 that will enable students to maximize the internet's potential while
5 protecting them from sexual predators and others with malicious
6 intentions.

7 § 2. Section 814 of the education law is amended by adding a new
8 subdivision 3 to read as follows:

9 3. The commissioner shall develop age-appropriate resources and tech-
10 nical assistance for schools to provide to students in grades three
11 through twelve and their parents or legal guardians concerning the safe
12 and responsible use of the internet. The resources shall include, but
13 not be limited to, information regarding how child predators may use the
14 internet to lure and exploit children, protecting personal information,
15 internet scams and cyber-bullying.

16 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately; provided that the commis-
17 sioner of education shall develop the technical resources required by
18 section two of this act within 180 days of such effective date.
