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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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**SENATE BILL**

NO. 1  
Session of 2024

INTRODUCED BY \_\_\_\_\_ April 11, 2024

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REFERRED TO SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

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**Student Access to The Internet**

The bill prescribes specific measures a district school board must undertake to protect instructional time and ensure the safety of students while accessing the Internet at school. The bill requires a district school board to provide and adopt an Internet safety policy for student access to the Internet provided by the school district.

Section 1. The policy must limit student access to only age-appropriate material, protect students using electronic communications, prohibit student access to data or information and other unlawful activities, and prevent access to technology which does not protect a students' personal information.

Section 2. A district school board must prohibit and prevent students from accessing social media platforms through district-provided Internet access, unless expressly directed by a teacher solely for educational purposes.

Section 3. Additionally, the bill prohibits the use of the TikTok platform on district-owned devices, through school-provided Internet access, or as

a platform to communicate or promote any district school, school-sponsored club, extracurricular organization, or athletic team.

Section 4 The bill requires the State Board of Education to adopt rules to administer the Internet safety policy and social media restrictions a school district must implement.

Section 5 The bill requires students in grades 6 through 12 to receive instruction on the social, emotional, and physical effects of social media. The Department of Education must make the instructional materials used to provide this instruction available online and district school boards must notify parents of the material's availability.

Section 6. The bill prohibits students from using wireless communications devices at school during instructional time, except when expressly directed by a teacher solely for educational purposes and requires a teacher to designate an area for wireless communications devices during instructional time.

Section 7. Effective Date: This act shall take effect on August 1, 2024.