



HB218 S01: DIGITAL SKILLS AMENDMENTS

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BACKGROUND

There is an existing digital literacy class required for junior high students in 7th or 8th grade, and this would replace that class with more robust standards. These classes are reviewed every seven years, so the timing is perfect to refocus this course.

The internet, social media, and AI have become regular parts of daily life, but these platforms can cause significant harm if they are not used responsibly. HB218s01 seeks to teach students how to safely navigate and engage with these new technologies.



WHAT DOES HB218 DO?

Requires the State School Board to offer a digital skills course taught in 7th or 8th grade.

Outlines clear digital skills standards for the middle school course.

Creates an advisory tech council to provide guidance and recommendations to the superintendent for tech education.

The bill is intended to teach students valuable skills to navigate the online world early in their lives. The bill requires the curriculum to teach skills such as:

- Social Media Usage
- Algorithm Influence
- AI Literacy
- Digital Privacy
- Cybersecurity
- Screen Time Management
- Cyberbullying Prevention