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H.B. No. 3171

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the development by the Texas Education Agency of an Internet safety and use curriculum for use by school districts.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 28, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 28.010 to read as follows:

Sec. 28.010. INTERNET SAFETY AND USE CURRICULUM. The agency shall develop and make available to school districts an Internet safety and use curriculum that a district may use to educate students about:

(1) the potential dangers of allowing personal information to appear on an Internet website;

(2) the significance of copyright laws; and

(3) the consequences of cyber-plagiarism and theft of audiovisual works, including motion pictures, software, and sound recordings, through uploading and downloading files on the Internet.

SECTION 2. Not later than January 1, 2008, the Texas Education Agency shall develop and make available to school districts an Internet safety and use curriculum as required by Section 28.010, Education Code, as added by this Act.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this

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- 1 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
- 2 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.