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S.B. No. 885

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to requiring the incorporation of instruction in digital citizenship into the public school curriculum.

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

SECTION 1. Section 28.002, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsection (z) to read as follows:

(z) The State Board of Education by rule shall require each school district to incorporate instruction in digital citizenship into the district's curriculum. In this subsection, "digital citizenship" means the standards of appropriate, responsible, and healthy online behavior, including the ability to access, analyze, evaluate, create, and act on all forms of digital communication.

SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2019-2020 school year.

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 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2019.