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H.B. No. 129

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to requiring a digital citizenship curriculum.

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

SECTION 1. Section 28.002(z)(2), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

"Digital citizenship" means the standards of appropriate, responsible, and healthy online behavior, including:

(A) cyberbullying prevention and response;
cyberbullying has the meaning assigned by Section 37.0832(2);

(B) digital ethics, etiquette, safety, and security, including the identification of hate speech, racism, and discrimination;

(C) media literacy including the ability to identify credible sources of information, and access, analyze, evaluate, create, and act on all forms of digital communication.

SECTION 2. Section 28.025 (b-1), Education Code, is amended by adding:

(9) one credit in digital citizenship as defined by Section 28.002(z)(2).

SECTION 3. This Act applies beginning with the 2021-2022 school year.

SECTION 4. 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, 2021.