

1-1 By: Menéndez, Zaffirini S.B. No. 1447  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 19, 2025; March 6, 2025,  
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Education K-16;  
1-4 March 17, 2025, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 10,  
1-5 Nays 0; March 17, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6	COMMITTEE VOTE				
1-7		Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	Creighton	X			
1-9	Campbell	X			
1-10	Bettencourt	X			
1-11	Hagenbuch	X			
1-12	Hinojosa of Nueces	X			
1-13	King			X	
1-14	Menéndez	X			
1-15	Middleton	X			
1-16	Parker	X			
1-17	Paxton	X			
1-18	West	X			

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to standards adopted by the Texas Education Agency  
1-22 regarding the use of electronic devices and software applications  
1-23 by public schools.

1-24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-25 SECTION 1. Section [32.1021](#), Education Code, is amended to  
1-26 read as follows:

1-27 Sec. 32.1021. STANDARDS. The agency shall adopt standards  
1-28 for permissible electronic devices and software applications used  
1-29 by a school district or open-enrollment charter school. In  
1-30 adopting the standards, the agency must:

1-31 (1) minimize data collection conducted on students  
1-32 through electronic devices and software applications;

1-33 (2) ensure direct and informed parental consent is  
1-34 required for a student's use of a software application, other than a  
1-35 software application necessary for the administration of:

1-36 (A) an assessment instrument under Subchapter [B](#),  
1-37 Chapter [39](#); or

1-38 (B) an assessment relating to college, career, or  
1-39 military readiness for which student performance is considered in  
1-40 evaluating a school district's performance under Section [39.054](#);

1-41 (3) ensure software applications do not conduct mental  
1-42 health assessments or other assessments unrelated to educational  
1-43 curricula that are intended to collect information about students  
1-44 without direct and informed parental consent;

1-45 (4) ensure that parents are provided the resources  
1-46 necessary to understand cybersecurity risks and online safety  
1-47 regarding their child's use of electronic devices before the child  
1-48 uses an electronic device at the child's school;

1-49 (5) specify periods of time during which an electronic  
1-50 device transferred to a student must be deactivated in the interest  
1-51 of student safety;

1-52 (6) consider necessary adjustments by age level to the  
1-53 use of electronic devices in the classroom to foster development of  
1-54 students' abilities regarding spending school time and completing  
1-55 assignments without the use of an electronic device;

1-56 (7) consider appropriate restrictions on student  
1-57 access to social media websites or applications with an electronic  
1-58 device transferred to a student by a district or school;

1-59 (8) provide for exceptions to the standards to allow a  
1-60 student with a disability, in accordance with an individualized  
1-61 education program developed by the student's admission, review, and

2-1 dismissal committee under Section 29.005 or a plan developed by a  
 2-2 team established for the student under Section 504, Rehabilitation  
 2-3 Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. Section 794), to use as a reasonable  
 2-4 accommodation or assistive technology electronic devices or  
 2-5 software applications that otherwise might not be permissible under  
 2-6 the standards;  
 2-7 (9) [(8)] require a district or school, before using a  
 2-8 social media application for an educational purpose, to determine  
 2-9 that an alternative application that is more secure and provides  
 2-10 the same educational functionality as the social media application  
 2-11 is unavailable for that educational purpose;  
 2-12 (10) [(9)] consider the required use of an Internet  
 2-13 filter capable of notifying appropriate school administrators, who  
 2-14 are then required to notify the student's parent, if a student  
 2-15 accesses inappropriate or concerning content or words, including  
 2-16 content related to:  
 2-17 (A) self-harm;  
 2-18 (B) suicide;  
 2-19 (C) violence to others; or  
 2-20 (D) illicit drugs;  
 2-21 (11) [(10)] assign to the appropriate officer of a  
 2-22 district or school the duty to receive complaints or concerns  
 2-23 regarding student use of electronic devices, including  
 2-24 cybersecurity and online safety concerns, from district or school  
 2-25 staff, other students, or parents; and  
 2-26 (12) [(11)] provide methods by which a district or  
 2-27 school may ensure an operator, as that term is defined by Section  
 2-28 32.151, that contracts with the district or school to provide  
 2-29 software applications complies with Subchapter D.  
 2-30 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2025-2026  
 2-31 school year.  
 2-32 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
 2-33 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
 2-34 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
 2-35 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
 2-36 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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