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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Education Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to education; establishing the Digital Citizenship, Internet Safety, and
1.3 Media Literacy Advisory Council; requiring a report.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP, INTERNET SAFETY, AND MEDIA
1.6 LITERACY ADVISORY COUNCIL.

1.7 Subdivision 1. Establishment; membership. (a) The commissioner of education must
1.8 establish and convene the 19-member Digital Citizenship, Internet Safety, and Media Literacy
1.9 Advisory Council. The council must be composed of the following members:

1.10 (1) three licensed classroom teachers, one each from a district or charter school located
1.11 in rural, urban, and suburban Minnesota;

1.12 (2) three licensed school media specialists, one each from a district or charter school
1.13 located in rural, urban, and suburban Minnesota;

1.14 (3) three representatives from parent-teacher organizations, one each from a district or
1.15 charter school located in rural, urban, and suburban Minnesota;

1.16 (4) four representatives from the Minnesota Regional Public Library Systems;

1.17 (5) two people with expertise in digital citizenship;

1.18 (6) two people with expertise in Internet safety; and

1.19 (7) two people with expertise in media literacy.

1.20 (b) Advisory council member compensation is determined under Minnesota Statutes,
1.21 section 15.059.

2.1 Subd. 2. **Duties.** The advisory council must make recommendations to the commissioner  
2.2 of education regarding:

2.3 (1) best practices relating to instruction in digital citizenship, Internet safety, and media  
2.4 literacy; and

2.5 (2) methods of instructing students to safely, ethically, responsibly, and effectively use  
2.6 media and technology resources.

2.7 Subd. 3. **Report.** By February 14, 2025, the commissioner must report to the chairs and  
2.8 ranking minority members of the legislative committees having jurisdiction over kindergarten  
2.9 through grade 12 education. The report must include guidelines to assist stakeholders with  
2.10 instructional practices and methods regarding digital citizenship, Internet safety, and media  
2.11 literacy under subdivision 2 and any draft legislation, if necessary.

2.12 Subd. 4. **Meetings.** The commissioner must convene the first meeting by September 9,  
2.13 2024. At the first meeting, the members must select a chair or cochairs to convene and  
2.14 facilitate future advisory council meetings. The commissioner must provide administrative  
2.15 support to the advisory council.

2.16 Subd. 5. **Open meeting law.** Meetings of the advisory council are subject to the  
2.17 Minnesota Open Meeting Law under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 13D.

2.18 Subd. 6. **Expiration.** The advisory council expires on February 15, 2025.

2.19 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.