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SYNOPSIS

Requires provision of instruction on safe user practices for certain websites and mobile applications as part of New Jersey Student Learning Standards for Comprehensive Health and Physical Education.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning the provision of certain student safety
2 instruction and supplementing chapter 35 of Title 18A of the
3 New Jersey statutes.

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5 BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
6 of New Jersey:

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8 1. a. Beginning with the 2020-2021 school year, each school
9 district shall incorporate instruction on safe user practices for ride
10 share applications and classified advertisement websites for
11 students in grades 7 through 12 as part of the district's
12 implementation of the New Jersey Student Learning Standards for
13 Comprehensive Health and Physical Education.

14 b. The instruction shall provide students with safe user
15 practices for ride share applications including, but not limited to,
16 instruction to:

17 (1) pay by means other than cash;

18 (2) place the request for the ride while inside and remain inside
19 until the ride arrives;

20 (3) confirm, prior to entering the vehicle, that the vehicle has
21 been sent through the ride share application by asking the driver to
22 confirm the requester's identity and comparing the vehicle with
23 information provided by the ride share application, such as the
24 make and model of the vehicle, the license plate number, and a
25 picture of the driver;

26 (4) ride in the back seat;

27 (5) share trip details with others; and

28 (6) travel in groups whenever possible.

29 c. The instruction shall also provide students with safe user
30 practices for the in-person exchange of an item that is offered for
31 sale or acquisition on a classified advertisement website including,
32 but not limited to, instruction to:

33 (1) pay by means other than cash;

34 (2) meet at a public place and never meet in a secluded area or
35 inside a private residence;

36 (3) perform the transaction during daylight hours;

37 (4) not share personal or financial information with other parties
38 to the transaction; and

39 (5) bring others to the meeting place whenever possible and
40 share information with others about the time and location of an
41 upcoming transaction.

42 d. As used in this section:

43 "Classified advertisement website" means an Internet website
44 that allows individuals to post items for sale or acquisition.

45 "Ride share application" means a mobile application used to
46 arrange a ride in a privately-owned vehicle.

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48 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

This bill directs each school district to incorporate instruction on safe user practices for ride share applications and classified advertisement websites for students in grades 7 through 12 as part of the district's implementation of the New Jersey Student Learning Standards for Comprehensive Health and Physical Education. Popular ride share applications include Lyft and Uber. Popular classified advertisement websites include Craigslist and Facebook Marketplace.

Under the bill, the instruction must provide students with safe user practices for ride share applications including, but not limited to, instruction to:

- (1) pay by means other than cash;
- (2) place the request for the ride while inside and remain inside until the ride arrives;
- (3) confirm, prior to entering the vehicle, that the vehicle has been sent through the ride share application;
- (4) ride in the back seat;
- (5) share trip details with others; and
- (6) travel in groups whenever possible.

The bill also requires that the instruction provide students with safe user practices for the in-person exchange of an item that was offered for sale or acquisition on a classified advertisement website including, but not limited to, instruction to:

- (1) pay by means other than cash;
- (2) meet at a public place and never meet in a secluded area or inside a private residence;
- (3) perform the transaction during daylight hours;
- (4) not share personal or financial information with other parties to the transaction; and
- (5) bring others to the meeting place whenever possible and share information with others about the time and location of an upcoming transaction.