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CERTIFICATE

I, Hunter G. Goodman, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6273** as passed by Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

HUNTER G. GOODMAN

Secretary

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**Secretary of State
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By Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education (originally sponsored by Senators Liias, Litzow, Rolfes, Fain, Mullet, Carlyle, Billig, Fraser, and McAuliffe)

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1 AN ACT Relating to safe technology use and digital citizenship in
2 public schools; adding a new section to chapter 28A.650 RCW; and
3 creating a new section.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature recognizes that as
6 technology becomes more prevalent, students must learn how to safely,
7 ethically, responsibly, and effectively use technology. The
8 legislature intends to provide a process in which students, parents
9 or guardians, teachers, teacher-librarians, other school employees,
10 administrators, and community representatives will engage in an
11 ongoing discussion on safe technology use, internet use, digital
12 citizenship, and media literacy as part of implementing the state's
13 basic education goal outlined in RCW 28A.150.210(3) and essential
14 academic learning requirements for technology outlined in RCW
15 28A.655.075.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.650
17 RCW to read as follows:

18 (1) For the purposes of this section, "digital citizenship"
19 includes the norms of appropriate, responsible, and healthy behavior
20 related to current technology use, including digital and media

1 literacy, ethics, etiquette, and security. The term also includes the
2 ability to access, analyze, evaluate, develop, produce, and interpret
3 media, as well as internet safety and cyberbullying prevention and
4 response.

5 (2)(a) By December 1, 2016, the office of the superintendent of
6 public instruction shall develop best practices and recommendations
7 for instruction in digital citizenship, internet safety, and media
8 literacy, and report to the appropriate committees of the
9 legislature, in accordance with RCW 43.01.036, on strategies to
10 implement the best practices and recommendations statewide. The best
11 practices and recommendations must be developed in consultation with
12 an advisory committee as specified in (b) of this subsection. Best
13 practices and recommendations must include instruction that provides
14 guidance about thoughtful, safe, and strategic uses of online and
15 other media resources, and education on how to apply critical
16 thinking skills when consuming and producing information.

17 (b) The office of the superintendent of public instruction must
18 convene and consult with an advisory committee when developing best
19 practices and recommendations for instruction in digital citizenship,
20 internet safety, and media literacy. The advisory committee must
21 include: Representatives from the Washington state school directors'
22 association; experts in digital citizenship, internet safety, and
23 media literacy; teacher-librarians as defined in RCW 28A.320.240; and
24 other stakeholders, including parent associations, educators, and
25 administrators. Recommendations produced by the committee may
26 include, but are not limited to:

27 (i) Revisions to the state learning standards for educational
28 technology, required under RCW 28A.655.075;

29 (ii) Revisions to the model policy and procedures on electronic
30 resources and internet safety developed by the Washington state
31 school directors' association;

32 (iii) School district processes necessary to develop customized
33 district policies and procedures on electronic resources and internet
34 safety;

35 (iv) Best practices, resources, and models for instruction in
36 digital citizenship, internet safety, and media literacy; and

37 (v) Strategies that will support school districts in local
38 implementation of the best practices and recommendations developed by
39 the office of the superintendent of public instruction under (a) of
40 this subsection.

1 (3) Beginning in the 2017-18 school year, a school district shall
2 annually review its policy and procedures on electronic resources and
3 internet safety. In reviewing and amending the policy and procedures,
4 a school district must:

5 (a) Involve a representation of students, parents or guardians,
6 teachers, teacher-librarians, other school employees, administrators,
7 and community representatives with experience or expertise in digital
8 citizenship, media literacy, and internet safety issues;

9 (b) Consider customizing the model policy and procedures on
10 electronic resources and internet safety developed by the Washington
11 state school directors' association;

12 (c) Consider existing school district resources; and

13 (d) Consider best practices, resources, and models for
14 instruction in digital citizenship, internet safety, and media
15 literacy, including methods to involve parents.

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