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| 1 | **SENATE BILL NO. 905** |
| 2 | AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE |
| 3 | (Proposed by the House Committee on Education |
| 4 | on _____) |
| 5 | (Patron Prior to Substitute—Senator Stanley) |

6 *A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Chapter 3 of Title 22.1 a section numbered 22.1-24.2*
7 *relating to school boards; Internet safety education program; Internet Safety Advisory Council*
8 *established.*
9 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**
10 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Chapter 3 of Title 22.1 a section numbered**
11 **22.1-24.2 as follows:**
12 *§ 22.1-24.2. Internet Safety Advisory Council.*
13 *A. The Superintendent shall establish and appoint members to the Internet Safety Advisory Council (the*
14 *Council) for the purpose of advancing the goal of safe use of media and technology by students and teachers*
15 *in public elementary and secondary schools in the Commonwealth.*
16 *B. The membership of the Council shall include at least one (i) teacher; (ii) librarian; (iii) representative*
17 *of a parent-teacher organization who is a parent of a school-age child; (iv) school administrator; (v) student;*
18 *and (vi) individual with expertise in Internet safety and such other individuals as the Superintendent deems*
19 *appropriate, provided that the membership of the Council shall not exceed 12.*
20 *C. The Council shall:*
21 *1. Develop, annually review, and update as necessary, after study and consideration of a variety of*
22 *sources and perspectives, guidelines on model policies and best practices relating to Internet safety for*
23 *school boards in the Commonwealth that enable such school boards to better support the Internet safety of*
24 *all students and teachers in the local school division;*
25 *2. Develop and submit to the Board recommendations on model instructional practices and best practices*
26 *for the safe use of media and technology by students and teachers in public elementary and secondary*
27 *schools in the Commonwealth; and*
28 *3. Develop, post, and maintain on the Department's website, and update as necessary, a webpage with*
29 *links to successful instructional practices, curricula, and other teacher resources used in school divisions*
30 *within and outside of the Commonwealth for the safe use of media and technology by students and teachers*
31 *that each school division shall consider and may incorporate into its instructional program implemented in*
32 *accordance with clause (v) of subsection A of § 22.1-70.2.*
33 **2. That the provisions of this act shall expire on July 1, 2026.**
34 **3. That the Internet Safety Advisory Council established by § 22.1-24.2 of the Code of Virginia, as**
35 **created by this act, shall, for the purpose of maximizing existing resources and avoiding duplicative**
36 **work in developing the guidelines, recommendations, and webpage relating to Internet safety best**
37 **practices, model instructional practices, and model policies pursuant to subsection C of § 22.1-24.2 of**
38 **the Code of Virginia, as created by this act, (i) review and update as necessary the model policy, model**
39 **instructional practices, and any other instructional materials or resources developed by the Internet**
40 **Safety Advisory Council established pursuant to Chapter 776 of the Acts of Assembly of 2022 and (ii)**
41 **use, to the fullest extent possible, such updated model policy, model instructional practices, and other**
42 **instructional materials or resources to develop such guidelines, recommendations, and webpage. The**
43 **Internet Safety Advisory Council shall submit to the Board of Education and the Chairmen of the**
44 **Senate Committee on Education and Health and the House Committee on Education no later than**
45 **October 31, 2025, a report on its progress that details its review of updates to such materials set forth**
46 **in clause (i) and its use of such updated materials in developing the guidelines, recommendations, and**
47 **webpage relating to Internet safety best practices, model instructional practices, and model policies**
48 **pursuant to the provisions of this act.**

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