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**Bill #61
Cyber-safety Act**

CHANGES RECOMMENDED TO THE LAW AMENDMENTS COMMITTEE

PAGE 9, Clause 26, proposed Section 122,

- (a) **line 1** - add "(1)" after "122";
- (b) **line 9** - delete "may" and substitute "shall";
- (c) **add the following subclauses:**
 - (2) The Department of Education shall create or adopt evidence-based age-appropriate, digital citizenship and online safety programs for elementary and junior high school students that must be
 - (a) aimed at changing attitudes and values and not just providing information; and
 - (b) required as prerequisites for continued access to school computers.
 - (3) The Department of Education and school boards shall ensure student computer usage agreements are standardized and include clearly defined consequences for misuse.
 - (4) The Department of Education shall create a digital and printed parents guide to combating bullying and cyberbullying that will be made available to parents of students upon school registration and annually in September.
 - (5) The Department of Education shall involve home and school associations, parent-teacher associations and school advisory councils as partners with the Department in distributing the parents guide referred to in subsection (4).
 - (6) The Department of Education shall examine current curriculum offerings to identify opportunities to incorporate social and emotional learning.