

SUBJECT: Requiring instruction in digital citizenship in the public school curriculum

COMMITTEE: Public Education — favorable, without amendment

VOTE: 13 ayes — Huberty, Bernal, Allen, Allison, Ashby, K. Bell, Dutton, M. González, K. King, Meyer, Sanford, Talarico, VanDeaver

0 nays

WITNESSES: For — Maurine Molak, David's Legacy Foundation; (*Registered, but did not testify*: Mary Cullinane, League of Women Voters of Texas; Christine Yanas, Methodist Healthcare Ministries of South Texas Inc.; Marilyn Hartman and Tesia Krezeminski, National Alliance on Mental Illness-Austin; Greg Hansch and Alissa Sughrue, National Alliance on Mental Illness Texas; Deborah Caldwell, North East ISD; Barry Haenisch, Texas Association of Community Schools; Casey McCreary, Texas Association of School Administrators; Grover Campbell, Texas Association of School Boards; Jan Friese, Texas Counseling Association; Mark Terry, Texas Elementary Principals and Supervisors Association; Dee Carney, Texas School Alliance; Lisa Dawn-Fisher, Texas State Teachers Association; Suzi Kennon, Texas PTA; Anthony Duke III)

Against — None

On — (*Registered, but did not testify*: Melody Parrish and Monica Martinez, Texas Education Agency; Craig Schiebel)

DIGEST: HB 3018 would require the State Board of Education to require by rule that each school district incorporate digital citizenship instruction into the district's curriculum. The bill would define digital citizenship as the standards of appropriate, responsible and healthy online behavior, including the ability to access, analyze, evaluate, create, and act on all forms of digital communication.

The bill would apply beginning with the 2019-2020 school year.

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The bill would take immediate effect if finally passed by a two-thirds record vote of the membership of each house. Otherwise, it would take effect September 1, 2019.