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Bill Analysis

HB 1388 creates the Protecting Oklahoma’s Children on Social Media Act of 2025. It directs the State Department of Education to develop model programs for educating students regarding online safety while using the Internet, and it directs such model programs for students in sixth through twelfth grades to include instruction on certain topics, including the social, emotional, and physical effects of social media; the distribution of disinformation and misinformation on social media; how to maintain personal security; and how to report suspicious behavior. The measure directs the Department to post on its website information relating to model programs, including recommended curricula and instructional materials.

It allows school district boards of education and charter school governing bodies to incorporate a component on online Internet safety. It requires each school district board of education and charter school governing body by Oct. 1, 2025, to adopt an acceptable use policy which, among other things, is to be designed to prevent and prohibit school equipment from being used to access, send, or receive obscene materials and child pornography; provide administrative procedures for enforcement; and provide administrative procedures to address complaints regarding possible violations. The measure directs school district boards of education and charter school governing bodies by Oct. 15, 2025, and each Oct. 15 thereafter to electronically submit its acceptable-use policy to the State Board of Education, and it directs the Board to review such policies. It provides written notice procedures for policy noncompliance.

The bill directs the Department by April 1, 2026, and by each April 1 thereafter, to establish compliance standards and specifications for technology protection measures to be used by schools. It directs the Department to publish on its website a list of technology protection measures that meet the compliance standards and specifications. The bill directs the Department by Dec. 1, 2025, to develop guidelines for the training of school district and charter school personnel. The measure also requires school district boards of education and charter school governing bodies by April 1, 2026, to adopt a social media policy, and it requires electronic submission of such policies to the State Department of Education by April 15, 2026, for compliance review. It provides written notice procedures for policy noncompliance.

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