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S.F. No. 3474 – Digital Citizenship, Internet Safety, and Media Literacy Advisory Council (with a-1 amendment)

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Section 1. Digital Citizenship, Internet Safety, and Media Literacy Advisory Council.

Subdivision 1. **Establishment; membership.** (a) Establishes a 21-member advisory council composed of the following members:

- 1) three licensed classroom teachers, one each from rural, urban, and suburban Minnesota;
- 2) three licensed school media specialists, one each from rural, urban, and suburban Minnesota;
- 3) three parent-teacher organization representatives, one each from rural, urban, and suburban Minnesota:
- 4) four representatives from Minnesota Regional Public Library Systems;
- 5) two academic librarians;
- 6) two people with expertise in digital citizenship;
- 7) two people with expertise in internet safety; and
- 8) two people with expertise in media literacy.
- (b) Specifies that advisory council compensation is determined under section 15.059.
- Subd. 2. **Duties.** Directs the council to make recommendations to the commissioner of education regarding:
 - 1) best practices relating to instruction in digital citizenship, internet safety, and media literacy;
 - 2) methods of instructing students to safely, ethically, responsibly, and effectively use media and technology resources.
- Subd. 3. **Report.** By February 14, 2025, directs the commissioner to report to the legislature on guidelines to assist stakeholders with instructional practices and methods regarding digital citizenship, internet safety, and media literacy and any draft legislation, if necessary.

- Subd. 4. **Meetings.** Requires the commissioner to convene the first meeting by September 9, 2024, and to provide administrative support to the council.
- Subd. 5. Open meeting law. States that the meetings are subject to the Open Meeting Law.
- Subd. 6. Expiration. Establishes February 15, 2025, as the council's expiration date.

Effective Date: Makes the section effective immediately.