

**Subject** Substance misuse instruction

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## Summary

This bill requires school districts and charter schools to provide substance misuse awareness and prevention instruction at least once to students in grades 6 through 8. Instruction must include the role of social media in substance misuse and in the distribution of illegal drugs. The bill encourages schools to provide instruction to students in higher grades, and to use peer-to-peer education programs to provide the instruction.

“Substance misuse” means the use of any psychoactive or mood-altering substance, without compelling medical reason, in a manner that results in mental, emotional, or physical impairment and causes socially dysfunctional or socially disordering behavior and that results in psychological dependence or physiological addiction as a function of continued use. Substance misuse has the same meaning as drug abuse or abuse of drugs.