Public Act 102-0055 amends the Illinois School Code to ensure that students in every public high school in Illinois develop 21st century skills for inquiry and critical thinking to better navigate the current information landscape.

Beginning with the 2022-23 school year, every public high school shall include in its curriculum a unit of instruction on media literacy, including instruction on how to access information, analyze and evaluate media messages, create media, reflect on media consumption, as well as the social responsibility of engaging with media of all forms.

Media literacy is the ability to access, analyze, evaluate, create, and communicate using a variety of objective forms, including, but not limited to, print, visual, audio, interactive, and digital texts.

Media literacy expands on traditional literacy skills of reading, writing, speaking, and listening to include skills needed to consume media in the 21st century.

Media literacy is a collection of skills acquired over time that build upon one another. It is an ongoing practice that its learners exercise in a variety of ways.