It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 16-22 of the General Laws entitled “Curriculum [See Title 16 Chapter 97 - The Rhode Island Board of Education Act]” is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:


The department of elementary and secondary education shall consider, in consultation with national or statewide organizations focused on media literacy, the incorporation of media literacy education into the board of education’s basic education program regulations.

For the purposes of this section “media literacy” means the ability to access, analyze, evaluate, create and communicate using a variety of forms, including but not limited to, print, visual, audio, interactive, and digital texts.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.
This act would require the department of education to consider incorporating media literacy education in the basic education program.

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