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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to obscenity; requiring public
3 libraries to install and maintain computer
4 software that prohibits access to obscene
5 materials; requiring that such software be
6 installed and maintained on at least one-half
7 of the computers that a library makes available
8 for public use; providing a finding of
9 important state interest; providing an
10 effective date.

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12 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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14 Section 1. Each public library that makes available
15 for public use computer on-line service, Internet service, or
16 local bulletin-board service shall install and maintain
17 computer software that prohibits access to materials that
18 contain obscene descriptions, photographs, or depictions. Such
19 software must be installed and maintained on at least one-half
20 of the library's computers that are available for public use,
21 and, if the library makes only one computer available for
22 public use, such software must be installed and maintained on
23 that computer.

24 Section 2. In accordance with s. 18, Art. VII of the
25 State Constitution, the Legislature finds that the
26 installation and maintenance by public libraries of computer
27 software that prohibits access to obscene materials fulfills
28 an important state interest.

29 Section 3. This act shall take effect October 1, 2000.
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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

Requires each public library that allows public access to on-line computer services to install and maintain computer software that prohibits access to obscene materials. Requires that such software be installed and maintained on at least one-half of the computers available to the public.