



HB 0415

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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to obscenity; requiring public libraries  
3 to install and maintain computer software or equivalent  
4 technology that prohibits access to obscene materials by  
5 minors; providing that the installation of software or  
6 technology in a library having only one public-access  
7 computer is within the library's discretion; providing a  
8 finding of important state interest; providing an  
9 effective date.

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

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13 Section 1. Each county or municipal public library that  
14 makes available for public use computer on-line service,  
15 Internet service, or local bulletin board service shall install  
16 and maintain computer software or equivalent technology on any  
17 computer that is made available to persons under 18 years of age  
18 which prohibits access to materials that contain obscene  
19 descriptions, photographs, or depictions. If the library has  
20 only one computer available for public use, the installation of  
21 such software or technology shall be within the discretion of  
22 the library.

23 Section 2. In accordance with section 18, Article VII of  
24 the State Constitution, the Legislature finds that the  
25 installation and maintenance by public libraries of computer  
26 software or equivalent technology that prohibits access by  
27 persons under 18 years of age to obscene materials fulfills an  
28 important state interest.

29 Section 3. This act shall take effect October 1, 2003.