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CHAMBER ACTION

The Committee on Judiciary recommends the following:

Committee Substitute

Remove the entire bill and insert:

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to Internet access in county and municipal libraries; requiring public libraries to install and maintain computer software or equivalent technology that prohibits access to obscene materials by minors; permitting libraries to prohibit access to materials that incite violence; providing that the installation of software or technology in a library having only one public-access computer is within the library's discretion; providing a finding of important state interest; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Each county or municipal public library that makes available for public use computer on-line service, Internet service, or local bulletin board service shall install and maintain computer software or equivalent technology on any computer that is made available to persons under 18 years of age



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29 which prohibits access to materials that contain obscene
30 descriptions, photographs, or depictions. Such computer software
31 or equivalent technology may also prohibit access to materials
32 that incite violence against persons based on their race,
33 gender, or religion. If the library has only one computer
34 available for public use, the installation of such software or
35 technology shall be within the discretion of the library.

36 Section 2. In accordance with section 18, Article VII of
37 the State Constitution, the Legislature finds that the
38 installation and maintenance by public libraries of computer
39 software or equivalent technology that prohibits access by
40 persons under 18 years of age to obscene materials fulfills an
41 important state interest.

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