



1 A bill to be entitled

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

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

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15 Section 1. Each county or municipal public library that
16 makes available for public use computer on-line service,
17 Internet service, or local bulletin board service shall install
18 and maintain computer software or equivalent technology on any
19 computer that is made available to persons under 18 years of age
20 which prohibits access to materials that contain obscene
21 descriptions, photographs, or depictions. Such computer software
22 or equivalent technology may also prohibit access to materials
23 that incite violence against persons based on their race,
24 gender, or religion. If the library has only one computer
25 available for public use, the installation of such software or
26 technology shall be within the discretion of the library.

27 Section 2. In accordance with section 18, Article VII of
28 the State Constitution, the Legislature finds that the



29 installation and maintenance by public libraries of computer
30 software or equivalent technology that prohibits access by
31 persons under 18 years of age to obscene materials fulfills an
32 important state interest.

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