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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to state aid to public libraries; amending  
3 s. 257.192, F.S.; encouraging all public libraries to  
4 implement an Internet safety education program for  
5 children and adults; providing minimum requirements for  
6 the program; requiring libraries to annually report to the  
7 Division of Library and Information Services of the  
8 Department of State the number of users who complete the  
9 program; requiring that the division adopt rules to award  
10 additional points to grant applicants implementing such a  
11 program; providing 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. Section 257.192, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
16 read:

17 257.192 Program grants.--The Division of Library and  
18 Information Services is authorized to accept and administer  
19 appropriations for library program grants and to make such grants  
20 in accordance with the Florida long-range plan for library  
21 services. All public libraries are encouraged to adopt an  
22 Internet safety education program, including the implementation  
23 of a computer-based educational program, which has been endorsed  
24 by a United States government-sanctioned law enforcement agency  
25 or other reputable organization and is designed for children and  
26 adults. The purpose of the Internet safety education program is  
27 to promote the use of prudent online deportment and broaden  
28 awareness of online predators. The program shall be interactive  
29 and age-appropriate. Each library shall annually report to the

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30 division the annual number of users who complete the education  
31 program. By January 1, 2009, the division shall adopt rules for  
32 rewarding those libraries in the program grant application  
33 process which have had 1 percent or more of their annual number  
34 of users, based on the total number of registered borrowers from  
35 the preceding year, complete the education program adopted by the  
36 library. Users completing the program as a result of strategic  
37 partnerships or collaboration between the library and other  
38 entities shall be integrated into the library's annual report.  
39 The division shall adopt rules to allocate 10 percent of the  
40 total points available in the library services and technology  
41 grant application evaluation process to public libraries that are  
42 in compliance with this section, beginning with the grant  
43 application cycle for the 2010-2011 fiscal year.

44 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008.