

By the Committee on Governmental Operations; and Senator Crist

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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to state aid to public libraries; amending
3 s. 257.12, 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. Subsection (3) is added to section 257.12,
16 Florida Statutes, to read:

17 257.12 Division of Library and Information Services
18 authorized to accept and expend federal funds.--

19 (1) The Division of Library and Information Services of the
20 Department of State is designated as the state library
21 administrative agency authorized to accept, receive, administer,
22 and expend any moneys, materials, or any other aid granted,
23 appropriated, or made available by the United States or any of
24 its agencies for the purpose of giving aid to libraries and
25 providing educational library service in the state.

26 (2) The division is authorized to file any accounts
27 required by federal law or regulation with reference to receiving
28 and administering all such moneys, materials, and other aid for
29 said purposes; provided, however, that the acceptance of such

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30 moneys, materials, and other aid shall not deprive the state from
31 complete control and supervision of its library.

32 (3) All public libraries are encouraged to adopt an
33 Internet safety education program, including the implementation
34 of a computer-based educational program, which has been endorsed
35 by a United States government-sanctioned law enforcement agency
36 or other reputable organization and is designed for children and
37 adults. The purpose of the Internet safety education program is
38 to promote the use of prudent online deportment and broaden
39 awareness of online predators. The program shall be interactive
40 and age-appropriate. Each library shall annually report to the
41 division the annual number of users who complete the education
42 program. By April 1, 2009, the division shall adopt rules for
43 rewarding those libraries in the program grant application
44 process which have had 1 percent or more of their annual number
45 of users, based on the total number of registered borrowers from
46 the preceding year, complete the education program adopted by the
47 library. Users completing the program as a result of strategic
48 partnerships or collaboration between the library and other
49 entities shall be integrated into the library's annual report.
50 The division shall adopt rules to allocate 10 percent of the
51 total points available in the library services and technology
52 grant application evaluation process to public libraries that are
53 in compliance with this section, beginning with the grant
54 application cycle for the 2010-2011 fiscal year.

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