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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to public library Internet safety education; amending s. 257.12, F.S.; encouraging all public libraries to implement an Internet safety education program for children and adults; providing minimum requirements for the program; requiring libraries to annually report to the Division of Library and Information Services of the Department of State the number of users who complete the program; requiring that the division adopt rules to award additional points to grant applicants implementing such a program; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (3) is added to section 257.12, Florida Statutes, to read:

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

(3) All public libraries are encouraged to adopt an Internet safety education program, including the implementation of a computer-based educational program, that has been endorsed by a United States government-sanctioned law enforcement agency or other reputable organization and is designed for children and adults. The purpose of the Internet safety education program is to promote the use of prudent online deportment and broaden awareness of online predators. The program shall be interactive and age appropriate. Each library shall annually report to the

division the annual number of users who complete the education

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

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