

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to Internet safety education programs
 3 in public libraries; amending s. 257.12, F.S.;
 4 encouraging all public libraries to implement an
 5 Internet safety education program for children and
 6 adults; providing minimum requirements for the
 7 program; requiring libraries to annually report to the
 8 Division of Library and Information Services of the
 9 Department of State the number of participants who
 10 complete the program; requiring that the division
 11 adopt rules to award additional points to grant
 12 applicants implementing such a program; providing an
 13 effective date.

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

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

19 257.12 Division of Library and Information Services
 20 authorized to accept and expend federal funds.--

21 (3) 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 government-sanctioned law enforcement agency or other
 25 reputable public safety advocacy organization and is designed
 26 for children and adults. The purpose of the Internet safety
 27 education program is to promote the use of prudent online
 28 behavior and broaden awareness of online predators. The program

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29 must be interactive and age appropriate. Each library shall
30 annually report to the division the annual number of program
31 participants who complete the Internet safety education program.
32 By April 1, 2010, the division shall adopt rules for rewarding
33 those libraries in the program's grant application process which
34 have had 1 percent or more of their annual number of program
35 participants, based on the total number of registered borrowers
36 from the preceding year, complete the Internet safety education
37 program adopted by the library. Program participants completing
38 the program as a result of strategic partnerships or
39 collaboration between the library and other entities shall be
40 integrated into the library's annual report. The division shall
41 adopt rules to allocate 10 percent of the total points available
42 in the library services and technology grant application
43 evaluation process to public libraries that are in compliance
44 with this section, beginning with the grant application cycle
45 for the 2011-2012 fiscal year.

46 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009.