

By Senator Crist

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

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

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

18           257.12 Division of Library and Information Services  
19 authorized to accept and expend federal funds.—

20           (3) All public libraries are encouraged to adopt an  
21 Internet safety education program, including the implementation  
22 of a computer-based educational program, which has been endorsed  
23 by a government-sanctioned law enforcement agency or other  
24 reputable public safety advocacy organization and is designed  
25 for children and adults. The purpose of the Internet safety  
26 education program is to promote the use of prudent online  
27 deportment and broaden awareness of online predators. The  
28 program must be interactive and age-appropriate. Each library  
29 shall annually report to the division the annual number of

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

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