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1 AN ACT Relating to public access computers; adding a new section to
2 chapter 28A.150 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 27.12 RCW; and
3 declaring an emergency.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.150
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1) For the purposes of this section, a public access computer is
8 any computer that is:

9 (a) Located in a public school;

10 (b) Frequently or regularly used by a minor; and

11 (c) Connected to any computer communication system.

12 (2) A public school that provides a public access computer shall do
13 one or more of the following:

14 (a) Equip the computer with software that will limit a minor's
15 ability to gain access to obscene materials;

16 (b) Purchase internet connectivity from an internet service
17 provider that provides filter services to limit access to obscene
18 materials;

1 (c) By January 1, 2001, develop and implement a policy that
2 establishes measures to restrict a minor from gaining computer access
3 to obscene materials; or

4 (d) Use reasonable efforts to limit a minor's ability to gain
5 access to obscene materials.

6 (3) A public school that complies with this section is not liable
7 for damages that may arise from a minor gaining access to obscene
8 materials through the use of a public access computer that is owned or
9 controlled by the public school.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 27.12 RCW
11 to read as follows:

12 (1) For the purposes of this section, a public access computer is
13 any computer that is:

14 (a) Located in a public library;

15 (b) Frequently or regularly used by a minor; and

16 (c) Connected to any computer communication system.

17 (2) A public library that provides a public access computer shall
18 do one or more of the following:

19 (a) Equip the computer with software that will limit a minor's
20 ability to gain access to obscene materials;

21 (b) Purchase internet connectivity from an internet service
22 provider that provides filter services to limit access to obscene
23 materials;

24 (c) By January 1, 2001, develop and implement a policy that
25 establishes measures to restrict a minor from gaining computer access
26 to obscene materials; or

27 (d) Use reasonable efforts to limit a minor's ability to gain
28 access to obscene materials.

29 (3) A public library that complies with this section is not liable
30 for damages that may arise from a minor gaining access to obscene
31 materials through the use of a public access computer that is owned or
32 controlled by the public library.

33 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act is necessary for the immediate
34 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the

1 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
2 immediately.

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