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1 AN ACT Relating to internet software filtering technology on public
2 school and public library computers; adding a new section to chapter
3 28A.150 RCW; and adding a new section to chapter 27.12 RCW.

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) All public schools must install and maintain on any computer,
8 that permits access to the internet or the world-wide web and that is
9 available for use by a student, a technology that filters or blocks
10 access to matter that is harmful to minors.

11 (2) The school shall make available to all parents information
12 about the filtering or blocking technology that is installed on
13 computers that permit access to the internet or the world-wide web and
14 the types of sites the technology filters or blocks.

15 (3) A public school that complies with this section is not liable
16 for damages that may arise from a student gaining access to matter that
17 is harmful to minors through the use of a school computer that permits
18 access to the internet or the world-wide web.

1 (4) As used in this section, "harmful to minors" means any matter
2 or live performance that:

3 (a) The average adult person, applying contemporary community
4 standards, would find, when considered as a whole, appeals to the
5 prurient interest of minors;

6 (b) Explicitly depicts or describes, by prevailing standards in the
7 adult community with respect to what is suitable for minors, patently
8 offensive representations or descriptions of:

9 (i) Ultimate sexual acts, normal or perverted, actual or simulated;

10 (ii) Masturbation, fellatio, cunnilingus, bestiality, excretory
11 functions, lewd exhibition of the genitals or genital area, sexually
12 explicit conduct, sexual excitement, or sexually explicit nudity; or

13 (iii) Sexual acts that are violent or destructive, including but
14 not limited to human or animal mutilation, dismemberment, rape, or
15 torture; and

16 (c) When considered as a whole, and in the context in which it is
17 used, lacks serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value
18 for minors.

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

21 (1) All public libraries must install and maintain on any computer,
22 that permits access to the internet or the world-wide web and is
23 available for use by the public, a technology that filters or blocks
24 access to matter that is harmful to minors. Upon request of an adult
25 library patron, the library shall temporarily disable the filtering or
26 blocking technology to enable the adult patron to gain unfiltered
27 access to the internet or the world-wide web.

28 (2) The library shall make available to any library patron
29 information on the filtering or blocking technology that is installed
30 on any computer that permits access to the internet or the world-wide
31 web and the types of sites the technology filters or blocks.

32 (3) A library that complies with this section is not liable for
33 damages that may arise from a minor gaining access to matter that is
34 harmful to minors through the use of a library computer that permits
35 access to the internet or the world-wide web.

36 (4) As used in this section, "harmful to minors" means any matter
37 or live performance that:

1 (a) The average adult person, applying contemporary community
2 standards, would find, when considered as a whole, appeals to the
3 prurient interest of minors;

4 (b) Explicitly depicts or describes, by prevailing standards in the
5 adult community with respect to what is suitable for minors, patently
6 offensive representations or descriptions of:

7 (i) Ultimate sexual acts, normal or perverted, actual or simulated;

8 (ii) Masturbation, fellatio, cunnilingus, bestiality, excretory
9 functions, lewd exhibition of the genitals or genital area, sexually
10 explicit conduct, sexual excitement, or sexually explicit nudity; or

11 (iii) Sexual acts that are violent or destructive, including but
12 not limited to human or animal mutilation, dismemberment, rape, or
13 torture; and

14 (c) When considered as a whole, and in the context in which it is
15 used, lacks serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value
16 for minors.

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