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By Senators Swecker, Zarelli, Haugen, Doumit, Stevens, Benton, Oke, Roach, Hargrove and Rasmussen

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1 AN ACT Relating to internet access for patrons of public libraries;
2 and adding a new section to chapter 27.12 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 27.12 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 Internet-access terminals located in the children's area of a
7 library shall be provided with filtering software that blocks, to the
8 extent technically possible, access to potentially offensive material
9 including adult-oriented, sexually explicit internet sites. In
10 libraries where there is no internet-access terminal in the children's
11 area, a terminal located near the children's area shall be provided
12 with the filtering software. Library staff shall not monitor the use
13 of internet-access terminals in any way other than as directed by
14 library policy or state law.

15 Internet access provided by a library to minors shall be filtered
16 by filtering software as required by this section unless a parent or
17 guardian notifies the library staff that the parent or guardian selects

- 1 unfiltered access as an alternative choice for his or her minor child.
- 2 Any adult user may select filtered access.

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