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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
18 unfiltered access as an alternative choice for his or her minor child.
19 Any adult user may select filtered access.

1 For the purposes of this section, "minor" means a person under the
2 age of eighteen years.

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