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1 AN ACT Relating to internet safety for libraries; adding a new
2 section to chapter 27.12 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the protection
5 of children and the prevention of sexual exploitation constitutes
6 an important state objective. It is the intent of the legislature
7 that libraries prevent the sexual exploitation of any person and
8 protect children from on-line material that is patently offensive
9 with respect to what is suitable for minors and pornographic.

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

12 (1) Libraries organized under this chapter must:

13 (a) Have in place a policy of internet safety that includes the
14 operation of a technology protection measure with respect to any
15 of its publicly available computers with internet access that
16 protects against access through such computers to visual
17 depictions that are (i) obscene under chapter 9.68 RCW; or (ii)

1 sexual exploitation of children under chapter 9.68A RCW; and

2 (b) Enforce the operation of the technology protection measure
3 during any use of the computers.

4 (2) As used in this section:

5 (a) "Technology protection measure" means a specific software
6 or service, that is installed and operated to eliminate or reduce
7 the ability of the computer to access internet sites displaying
8 pornographic pictures or any other obscene material as defined by
9 law.

10 (b) "Policy of internet safety" means a condition of use policy
11 or an acceptable use policy that includes restrictions on images
12 accessed via the internet that are obscene, child pornography, or
13 harmful to minors.

14 (3) An administrator, supervisor, or person authorized by the
15 library may disable the technology protection measure concerned to
16 enable access for bona fide research or other lawful purposes.

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