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SENATE BILL 5803

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By Senators McAuliffe, Weinstein, Berkey, Shin, Kohl-Welles, Franklin, Schmidt, Thibaudeau, Eide, Kline, Keiser, Regala, Jacobsen and Rasmussen

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1 AN ACT Relating to internet safety; creating new sections; making  
2 an appropriation; providing an expiration date; and declaring an  
3 emergency.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that teenagers ages  
6 twelve through nineteen are the most victimized segment of our  
7 population. The legislature further finds that online communications  
8 are increasingly common among teenagers and that one of the biggest  
9 dangers to our children's personal safety is getting together or  
10 meeting someone whom they first met online. The legislature further  
11 finds that of youth ages ten to seventeen who use the internet  
12 regularly, approximately one in five received a sexual solicitation or  
13 approach over the internet. The legislature further finds that  
14 Washington's children can be protected by teaching both children and  
15 their parents and guardians how to protect themselves while using the  
16 internet.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) The safety center advisory committee  
18 shall develop and distribute a pamphlet to promote internet safety for

1 children particularly in grades seven through twelve. The pamphlet  
2 shall be posted on the superintendent of public instruction's web site.  
3 To the extent funds are available, the pamphlet shall be distributed in  
4 schools throughout the state and in other areas accessible to youth  
5 including but not limited to libraries and community centers.

6 (2) This section expires June 30, 2006.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The sum of forty thousand dollars, or as  
8 much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the fiscal year  
9 ending June 30, 2005, from the general fund to the office of the  
10 superintendent of public instruction to develop and distribute the  
11 pamphlet under section 2 of this act.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** This act is necessary for the immediate  
13 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
14 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect  
15 immediately.

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