

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 205

BY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1 RELATING TO PUBLIC LIBRARIES; AMENDING CHAPTER 27, TITLE 33, IDAHO CODE,
2 BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 33-2741, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE PROVI-
3 SIONS RELATING TO PUBLIC LIBRARIES AND INTERNET USE POLICY, TO PROVIDE
4 THAT PUBLIC LIBRARIES SHALL HAVE IN PLACE A POLICY OF INTERNET SAFETY
5 AND SHALL ENFORCE THE OPERATION OF CERTAIN TECHNOLOGY PROTECTION MEA-
6 SURES, TO PROVIDE THAT THIS SECTION SHALL NOT PROHIBIT A PUBLIC LIBRARY
7 FROM LIMITING INTERNET ACCESS OR OTHERWISE PROTECTING AGAINST MATERIAL
8 OTHER THAN MATERIAL SPECIFIED IN THIS SECTION, TO PROVIDE FOR DIS-
9 ABLING A TECHNOLOGY PROTECTION MEASURE, TO PROVIDE PROVISIONS RELATING
10 TO ADOPTION OF A POLICY, TO PROVIDE FOR NOTICE, TO PROVIDE PROVISIONS
11 RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS OF THE POLICY, TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS AND TO
12 PROVIDE FOR A LIMITATION OF THIS SECTION.
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14 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

15 SECTION 1. That Chapter 27, Title 33, Idaho Code, be, and the same is
16 hereby amended by the addition thereto of a NEW SECTION, to be known and des-
17 ignated as Section 33-2741, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

18 33-2741. PUBLIC LIBRARY -- INTERNET USE POLICY REQUIRED. (1) Public
19 libraries receiving public moneys and governed by the provisions of chapters
20 26 and 27, title 33, Idaho Code, that offer use of the internet or an online
21 service to the public shall:

22 (a) (i) Have in place a policy of internet safety for minors in-
23 cluding the operation of a technology protection measure with re-
24 spect to any publicly accessible computers with internet access
25 and that protects against access through such computers to visual
26 depictions that are obscene or child pornography or harmful to mi-
27 nors; and

28 (ii) Enforce the operation of such technology protection measure
29 during any use of a computer by a minor.

30 (b) (i) Have in place a policy of internet safety including the
31 operation of a technology protection measure with respect to any
32 publicly accessible computers with internet access and that pro-
33 tects against access through such computers to visual depictions
34 that are obscene or child pornography; and

35 (ii) Enforce the operation of such technology protection measure
36 during any use of a computer.

37 (2) The provisions of this section shall not prohibit a public library
38 from limiting internet access or otherwise protecting against materials
39 other than the materials specified in this section.

40 (3) An administrator, supervisor or other authorized representative of
41 a public library may disable a technology protection measure described in

1 subsection (1) at the request of a library patron who is not a minor to enable
2 access for bona fide research or for other lawful purposes.

3 (4) Each public library's policy shall be developed under the direction
4 of the library's board of trustees, adopted in an open meeting and shall have
5 an effective date. The board of trustees shall review the policy at least
6 once every three (3) years. The policy shall reflect the most recent date of
7 review.

8 (5) Notice of the availability of the policy shall be posted in a con-
9 spicuous place within the library for all patrons to observe. The board of
10 trustees may issue any other public notice it considers appropriate to in-
11 form the community about the policy.

12 (6) The policy shall:

13 (a) State that it restricts access to internet or online sites that con-
14 tain material described in subsection (1) of this section and how the
15 policy meets the requirements provided for in this section;

16 (b) Inform patrons that administrative procedures and guidelines for
17 library staff to follow in enforcing the policy have been adopted and
18 are available for review at the library; and

19 (c) Inform patrons that procedures for use by patrons and staff to han-
20 dle complaints about the policy, its enforcement or about observed pa-
21 tron behavior have been adopted and are available for review at the li-
22 brary.

23 (7) For purposes of this section, the following terms shall have the
24 following meanings:

25 (a) "Child pornography" means any visual depiction, including any pho-
26 tograph, film, video, picture, or computer or computer-generated im-
27 age or picture, whether made or produced by electronic, mechanical, or
28 other means, of sexually explicit conduct, where:

29 (i) The production of such visual depiction involves the use of a
30 minor engaging in sexually explicit conduct;

31 (ii) Such visual depiction is a digital image, computer image, or
32 computer-generated image that is, or is indistinguishable from,
33 that of a minor engaging in sexually explicit conduct; or

34 (iii) Such visual depiction has been created, adapted, or modified
35 to appear that an identifiable minor is engaging in sexually ex-
36 plicit conduct.

37 (b) "Harmful to minors" means any picture, image, graphic image file or
38 other visual depiction that:

39 (i) Taken as a whole and with respect to minors, appeals to a
40 prurient interest in nudity, sex or excretion;

41 (ii) Depicts, describes or represents, in a patently offensive
42 way with respect to what is suitable for minors, an actual or sim-
43 ulated sexual act or sexual contact, actual or simulated normal or
44 perverted sexual acts, or a lewd exhibition of the genitals; and

45 (iii) Taken as a whole, lacks serious literary, artistic, politi-
46 cal or scientific value as to minors.

47 (c) "Minor" means anyone who has not attained the age of eighteen (18)
48 years.

49 (d) "Obscene" means a depiction that:

- 1 (i) The average person, applying contemporary community stan-
2 dards, would find to appeal to the prurient interest;
3 (ii) Depicts or describes sexual conduct in a patently offensive
4 way; and
5 (iii) Lacks serious literary, artistic, political or scientific
6 value.
- 7 (e) "Public moneys" means any and all moneys belonging to or collected
8 by the state or any political subdivision thereof including, but not
9 necessarily limited to, any city, county, town or district therein.
- 10 (8) The provisions of this section shall have no effect on the provi-
11 sions of section 33-132, Idaho Code.