

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to law as it existed prior to the 82nd General Assembly.

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A Bill

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For An Act To Be Entitled

"AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AN INTERNET USE POLICY FOR
SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle

"AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AN INTERNET USE
POLICY FOR SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES; AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 6-21-107 is amended to read as follows:

"6-21-107. Official computer use policy.

(a) The board of directors of each school district in this state shall develop and adopt a written policy concerning student and staff use of computers owned by the district ~~in accessing the Internet.~~ The written policy shall state that a system to prevent computer users from accessing 'material harmful to minors' as defined in § 5-68-501 shall be established and maintained for all public access computers in the school district. The policy shall be implemented by August 1, 1999.

(b) ~~If such~~ The written policy includes shall include provisions for administration of punishment of students for violations of the policy with stiffer penalties for repeat offenders, and the same shall be incorporated into the district's written student discipline policy.

(c) Students shall sign a computer use agreement form outlining proper and improper use of public access computers prior to being allowed to access such computer equipment.

1 (d) For purposes of this section:

2 (1) 'Harmful to minors' has the same meaning as prescribed in
3 § 5-68-501; and

4 (2) 'Public access computer' means a computer that:

5 (A) Is located in a public school or public library;

6 (B) Is accessible by a minor; and

7 (C) Is connected to any computer communication system such
8 as, but not limited to, what is commonly known as the Internet."

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10 SECTION 2. Title 13, Chapter 2, Subchapter 1 of the Arkansas Code is
11 amended to add the following section to be appropriately numbered by the
12 Arkansas Code Revision Commission:

13 "(a) The board of directors of each library operated as an entity of
14 the state or any city, county, or other political subdivision of the state
15 with one or more public access computers shall develop, adopt, and implement
16 by August 1, 1999, a written policy that:

17 (1) Establishes and maintains a system to prevent minors from
18 gaining computer access to materials harmful to minors as defined in § 5-68-
19 501;

20 (2) Provides for suspending the privilege of a minor from using
21 the public access computers for violation of the policy and revoking such
22 privilege for repeat offenders; and

23 (3) Requires all users to sign a computer use agreement form
24 outlining proper and improper use of public access computers prior to their
25 being allowed to access such computer equipment.

26 (b) For purposes of this section, 'public access computer' means a
27 computer that:

28 (1) Is located in a public school or public library;

29 (2) Is accessible by a minor; and

30 (3) Is connected to any computer communication system such as,
31 but not limited to, what is commonly known as the Internet."

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33 SECTION 3. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature
34 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
35 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

