

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas
2 83rd General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2001

A Bill

SENATE BILL 717

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5 By: Senator Wilkins
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AN INTERNET USE POLICY FOR PUBLIC
10 SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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14 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AN INTERNET USE
15 POLICY FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES.
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 6-21-107 is amended to read as follows:
24 6-21-107. Official computer use policy.

25 (a) The board of directors of each school district in this state shall
26 develop and adopt a written policy concerning student and staff use of
27 computers owned by the district ~~in accessing the Internet.~~ The written
28 policy shall state that a system to prevent computer users from accessing
29 material harmful to minors shall be established and maintained for all public
30 access computers in the school district. The policy shall be implemented by
31 August 1, 2001.

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

36 (c) Students shall sign a computer use agreement form outlining proper

1 and improper use of public access computers prior to being allowed to access
 2 the computer equipment.

3 (d) For purposes of this section:

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

6 (2) "Public access computer" means a computer that:

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

8 (B) Is accessible by a minor; and

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

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 12 SECTION 2. Title 13, Chapter 2, Subchapter 1 of the Arkansas Code is
 13 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

14 13-2-103. (a) The board of directors of each library operated as an
 15 entity of the state or any city, county, or other political subdivision of
 16 the state with one (1) or more public access computers shall develop, adopt,
 17 and implement by August 1, 2001, a written policy that:

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

20 (2) Provides for suspending the privilege of a minor to use the
 21 public access computers if the minor violates the policy and provides for
 22 revoking such 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 the 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. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
 34 General Assembly that the establishment of internet use policies for our
 35 public schools and libraries is vital; and that until this act goes into
 36 effect, minors will not be afforded the protection which will result from

1 this act. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist and this act being
2 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and
3 safety shall become effective on the date of its approval by the Governor.
4 If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor, it shall become
5 effective on the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor
6 may veto the bill. If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is
7 overridden, it shall become effective on the date the last house overrides
8 the veto.

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