

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the eligibility of public schools and libraries for certain funds.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Chapter 32, Education Code, is amended by adding Subchapter C to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER C. INTERNET ACCESS

Sec. 32.051. DEFINITIONS. In this subchapter:

(1) "Obscene" has the meaning assigned by Section 43.21, Penal Code.

(2) "Technology protection measure" means a technology that blocks or filters Internet access to visual depictions that are obscene.

Sec. 32.052. LIMITATION ON CERTAIN FUNDS. A public school that provides a computer used to access the Internet that is not equipped with a technology protection measure is not eligible for:

(1) a loan or grant under Subchapter C, Chapter 57, Utilities Code; or

(2) a reduced rate under Subchapter B of Chapter 57, Subchapter G of Chapter 58, or Subchapter D of Chapter 59, Utilities Code.

SECTION 2. Subchapter I, Chapter 441, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 441.1385 to read as follows:

Sec. 441.1385. LIMITATION ON CERTAIN FUNDS. (a) In this section:

(1) "Obscene" has the meaning assigned by Section 43.21,

Penal Code.

(2) "Technology protection measure" means a technology that blocks or filters Internet access to visual depictions that are obscene.

(b) A public library that provides a computer with Internet access to the public is not eligible for a loan or grant under Section 441.135 or Subchapter C of Chapter 57, Utilities Code, or a reduced rate under Subchapter B of Chapter 57, Subchapter G of Chapter 58, or Subchapter D of Chapter 59, Utilities Code, unless the public library:

(1) implements a policy establishing measures to restrict minors from gaining access to obscene material on the Internet; or

(2) equips the computer with a technology protection measure.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2001.