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AN ACT

To amend chapter 162, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to Internet use in public schools.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 162, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 162.206, to read as follows:

- 162.206. 1. The provisions of this section shall be known as the "Child Internet Protection Act".
- 2. Beginning with the 2008-2009 school year, the superintendent of each school district shall file with the department of elementary and secondary education an acceptable use policy, approved by the local school board, for the international network of computer systems commonly known as the Internet. At a minimum, the policy shall contain provisions that:
- (1) Are designed to prohibit use by district employees and students of the district's computer equipment and communications services for sending, receiving, viewing, or downloading illegal material via the Internet;
- 11 (2) Seek to prevent access by students to material that the school district deems to 12 be harmful to juveniles;
- 13 (3) Select a technology for the district's computers having Internet access to filter 14 or block Internet access through such computers to child pornography and obscenity;

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

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15 (4) Establish appropriate measures to be taken against persons who violate the policy; and

(5) Include a component on Internet safety for students that is integrated in a district's instructional program.

The policy may include such other terms and conditions, and requirements as deemed appropriate, such as requiring written parental authorization for Internet use by juveniles or differentiating acceptable uses among elementary, middle, and high school students.

- 3. Each district superintendent shall take steps he or she deems appropriate to implement and enforce the district's Internet use policy.
- 4. The department of elementary and secondary education shall issue guidelines to school districts regarding instructional programs relating to Internet safety. Based on these guidelines, school districts shall include a component on Internet safety for students in classroom curriculum at all grade levels.
- 5. The department of elementary and secondary education shall establish rules and regulations for the implementation of this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, RSMo, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536, RSMo, and, if applicable, section 536.028, RSMo. This section and chapter 536, RSMo, are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536, RSMo, to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2007, shall be invalid and void.

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