

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 353(STA)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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Referred: Finance

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A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to the blocking or monitoring of certain Internet sites at public
2 libraries and to library assistance grants."

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 * **Section 1.** AS 14.56 is amended by adding a new section to read:

5 **Sec. 14.56.335. Internet blocking compliance.** Notwithstanding the other
6 provisions of AS 14.56.300 - 14.56.340, the department may not make a grant under
7 AS 14.56.300 - 14.56.340 to a public library that provides members of the public with
8 access to the Internet unless the public library is complying with AS 14.56.500. In this
9 section, "public library" has the meaning given in AS 14.56.500.

10 * **Sec. 2.** AS 14.56 is amended by adding a new section to article 6 to read:

11 **Sec. 14.56.500. Internet blocking filters or monitoring required.** (a) Except
12 as provided by (b) of this section, a public library that provides members of the public
13 with access to the Internet shall

14 (1) install and maintain in good working order Internet software filters

1 that block Internet sites that depict the items described in AS 11.61.128(1)(A) - (F); or
2 (2) use an alternate monitoring system to prevent the viewing of
3 Internet sites that depict the items described in AS 11.61.128(1)(A) - (F).

4 (b) If an adult has a research or other lawful purpose to access Internet sites
5 that depict the items described in AS 11.61.128(1)(A) - (F), a public library may
6 disable the Internet software filter for the adult or not use the alternate monitoring
7 system for the adult.

8 (c) In this section,

9 (1) "adult" means an individual who is 18 years of age or older;

10 (2) "alternate monitoring system" means a monitoring system that does
11 not use Internet software filters; in this paragraph, "monitoring system" includes a
12 method that enables public library staff to see the screens of computers in the public
13 library;

14 (3) "public library" means a library that provides the following
15 services free of charge to members of the public:

16 (A) establishment and maintenance of a collection of books and
17 other materials for loaning;

18 (B) access to interlibrary loan services;

19 (C) reading or other educational programs for children; and

20 (D) reference information.