

HOUSE BILL NO. 127

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Referred: Education, Judiciary

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to the blocking of certain Internet websites at public libraries and to**
2 **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 complies 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 required.** (a) Except as provided in
12 (b) of this section, a public library that provides members of the public with access to
13 the Internet shall install and maintain in good working order Internet software filters
14 that block Internet websites that depict the items described in AS 11.61.128(a)(2)(A) -

1 (F).

2 (b) If an adult has a research or other lawful purpose to access Internet
3 websites that depict the items described in AS 11.61.128(a)(2)(A) - (F), a public
4 library may disable the technology measure for the adult.

5 (c) In this section,

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

7 (2) "public library" means a library that is open to members of the
8 public.