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H 478. CHILDREN'S INTERNET SAFETY-NET. *REQUIRING PUBLIC LIBRARIES AND SCHOOLS TO USE TECHNOLOGY AND TAKE OTHER EFFECTIVE MEASURES TO LIMIT ACCESS OF CHILDREN TO OBSCENE OR VIOLENT MATERIAL ON THE INTERNET*. Adds new Art. 4 to GS 125 titled "Children's Internet Protection Act." New article provides that, on or before Jan. 1, 2002, all libraries and public schools that provide minors access to the Internet use an Internet provider service that provides services to shield minors from obscene (as defined in the bill) and violent (also defined in bill) on all computers that are used by minors. The governing body of each library and school must establish a use policy for the Internet that prohibits employee and patron access to violent and obscene materials on the Internet, prevents access by minors to such materials and establishes measures to be taken against violators of the policy. Provides that a minor may access an unfiltered computer only if accompanied by a parent or guardian, or with notarized written consent of a parent or guardian. Provides that an adult may request unfiltered access to the Internet for "serious literary, artistic, political or scientific purposes." Requires that the University of North Carolina and the Community Colleges System also develop a policy to protect minors from obtaining Internet access to obscene and violent materials. The governing body of each public school and library must make an annual report to the Dep't of Public Instruction or the Dep't of Cultural Resources on efforts to comply with the Act.

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