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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 175

BY SENATOR MIZELL

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POSTSECONDARY ED. Requests the Board of Regents and each postsecondary education management board to install internet filters to block content which is obscene, pornographic, or sexually harassing and which creates a hostile education or work environment.

A RESOLUTION

2	To urge and request the Board of Regents and each public postsecondary education
3	management board to install internet filters on all computers in use in board and
4	system offices and on the campuses of each public postsecondary institution to block
5	content which is obscene, pornographic, or sexually harassing and which would
6	create a hostile workplace and learning environment.
7	WHEREAS, pornography treats women as objects and commodities and diminishes
8	their contributions to the workplace and the educational community; and
9	WHEREAS, pornography perpetuates a sexually toxic environment and encourages
10	sexual harassment; and
11	WHEREAS, advances in technology and the universal availability of the internet
12	allows easy access to pornographic material and other obscene material; and
13	WHEREAS, every public postsecondary employee and student has the right to a
14	workplace and learning environment that is free from obscene, pornographic, or sexually
15	harassing material; and
16	WHEREAS, it is incumbent upon the Board of Regents and the public postsecondary
17	education management boards to take every measure possible to prevent internet access,
18	intentional or inadvertent, to such unacceptable content on every computer used in the public

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THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Board of Regents and each public postsecondary education management board to install internet filters on all computers in use in board and system offices and on the campuses of each public postsecondary institution to block content which is obscene, pornographic, or sexually harassing and which would create a hostile workplace and learning environment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any policies adopted in response to this Resolution may provide for authorized employees to have unfiltered or unrestricted access to the internet for legitimate scientific purposes or educational purposes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the commissioner of higher education, the president of the Louisiana Community and Technical College System, the president of the Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System, the president of the Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System, and the president of the University of Louisiana System.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Cheryl Serrett.

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