

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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New law requires the division of administration to adopt policies regarding the acceptable use by state employees who use state-owned or state-leased computers to access the internet and online sites that contain harmful material which is reasonably believed to be sexuality explicit, pornographic, or sexually harassing and, therefore, reasonably believed to create a hostile work environment as prohibited by federal law.

New law provides that it shall apply to state-owned or state-leased computers which are in the care, custody, or control of the division of administration or in the care, custody, or control of any other state agency which is subject to prior laws regarding the office of technology services in the division of administration.

New law provides that the policies adopted by the office of technology services include the use of computer-related technology or the use of internet service provider technology designed to block access or exposure to any harmful material as specified in new law.

New law specifies that new law does not prohibit any authorized employee from having unfiltered or unrestricted access to the internet or an online service for law enforcement, legitimate scientific, or educational purposes as determined and approved by the employing agency.

New law clarifies that the provisions of new law do not prohibit any state employee from having unfiltered or unrestricted access to the internet or any online service on a computer or device that is not owned by the state, so long as the unrestricted device is not used to access or for exposure to any harmful material during the hours in which he is working for the state.

Effective August 1, 2018.

(Amends R.S. 39:15.3(B)(1)(intro para) and (e); adds R.S. 39:249)