

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 175

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A RESOLUTION

To 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.

WHEREAS, pornography treats women as objects and commodities and diminishes their contributions to the workplace and the educational community; and

WHEREAS, pornography perpetuates a sexually toxic environment and encourages sexual harassment; and

WHEREAS, advances in technology and the universal availability of the internet allows easy access to pornographic material and other obscene material; and

WHEREAS, every public postsecondary employee and student has the right to a workplace and learning environment that is free from obscene, pornographic, or sexually harassing material; and

WHEREAS, it is incumbent upon the Board of Regents and the public postsecondary education management boards to take every measure possible to prevent internet access, intentional or inadvertent, to such unacceptable content on every computer used in the public postsecondary enterprise.

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.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE