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Present law (R.S. 39:249) requires the division of administration to adopt policies relative to the acceptable use by state employees of computers owned or leased by the state. Present law prohibits internet access to online sites that contain material which is reasonably believed to be sexually explicit, pornographic, or sexually harassing and, therefore, reasonably believed to create a hostile work environment as prohibited by federal law.

Proposed law requires the Board of Regents and each public postsecondary education management board to adopt policies regarding the:

(1) Acceptable use of computers owned or leased by each board, system office, and institution under its supervision, including prohibiting use of the computers to access content which is reasonably believed to be sexually explicit, pornographic, or sexually harassing and reasonably believed to create a hostile work environment as prohibited by federal law.

(2) Acceptable use of internet services provided by or through each board, system office, and institution under its control including prohibiting the use of the provided services to access content reasonably believed to be sexually explicit, pornographic, or sexually harassing and reasonably believed to create a hostile work environment as prohibited by federal law.

(3) Authorization of an employee or student to have unfiltered or unrestricted access to the internet for legitimate scientific, educational, or law enforcement purposes.

Proposed law clarifies that a public postsecondary employee or student shall not be restricted from having unfiltered or unrestricted access to the internet or any online service on a computer or device that is not owned by the board, office, or institution, so long as the computer or device is not used to access any material prohibited in proposed law through an internet service provided by or through the board, office, or institution.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 17:3383)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Education to the original bill

1. Removes requirement for technology blocks to be installed.