

Department of Planning and Budget 2001 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number HB1691

House of Origin ☐ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☒ Engrossed
Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☒ Enrolled

2. Patron Black

3. Committee Passed Both Houses

4. Title Internet access in public schools.

5. Summary/Purpose: This bill addresses Internet access in public schools. It directs every public school furnishing student access to information infrastructure services, by the 2001-2002 school year, to utilize appropriate technology to ensure, to the extent technologically feasible, that students are not permitted access to child pornography, obscenity, and materials that are harmful to juveniles.

6. Fiscal Impact: See #8.

7. Budget amendment necessary: No.

8. Fiscal implications: This bill allows more flexibility at the local level. The bill *does not require the state to fund* this Internet technology, so the provision has a local impact only. However, to the extent that divisions purchase technology for this purpose, there may be an impact to the state in future biennia (through the SOQ) as a result of increasing prevailing expenditures.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Local school divisions.

10. Technical amendment necessary: None.

11. Other comments: According to a study conducted in September 1999, approximately 80 percent of schools were already using filtering devices. The cost for these devices can vary depending on the level of security and services offered. A bill (HB1561) which addressed a similar policy for the libraries last session estimated a cost of \$30 per license.

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