

5242-S

Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Government Operations & Elections (originally sponsored by Senators Swecker, Zarelli, Haugen, Oke, Stevens, Benton, Doumit, Roach, Hargrove, Schmidt, Mulliken and Rasmussen)

Brief Description: Requiring libraries to offer filtering software for minor access to the internet.

SB 5242-S - DIGEST

(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 3/18/03)

Requires libraries to offer filtering software for minor access to the internet.

Provides that, where internet-access library terminals are available for public use, libraries shall equip such terminals with filtering software that blocks, to the extent technically possible, access to internet sites that are both adult-oriented and sexually explicit. Members of the public shall not have access to such material on public library computers. Library staff shall not monitor the use of internet-access terminals in any way other than as directed by library policy or state law.