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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 19

BY SENATOR THOMPSON

BESE. Requests BESE to require public school governing authorities to provide instruction on safe and appropriate Internet use and develop a model Acceptable Use Policy for use in the public schools.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to require the  
3 governing authority of each public elementary and secondary school to provide  
4 instruction to students in grades kindergarten through twelve to promote safe and  
5 appropriate use of the Internet via computers, cellular phones, and other wireless  
6 handheld devices and to develop a model Acceptable Use Policy for use in all public  
7 elementary and secondary schools in the state.

8 WHEREAS, although the Internet is a powerful and invaluable educational tool it  
9 can be misused and dangerous; and

10 WHEREAS, safe and appropriate use of the Internet by students is a serious concern  
11 of parents and educators alike; and

12 WHEREAS, it is incumbent upon the state to protect children from undesirable  
13 content, hate speech, bullying and harassment, and predators, while allowing them to safely  
14 use the Internet as an educational tool to explore thousands of libraries, museums, and other  
15 sources of information; and

16 WHEREAS, many school systems across the country have adopted Acceptable Use  
17 Policies to provide clear and effective procedures to protect students and help prevent misuse  
18 and abuse as they access and use the Internet and which are designed to protect the student's

1 safety and identity.

2           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana  
3 does hereby urge and request the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to  
4 require the governing authority of each public elementary and secondary school to provide  
5 instruction to students in grades kindergarten through twelve to promote safe and appropriate  
6 use of the Internet via computers, cellular phones, and other wireless handheld devices and  
7 to develop a model Acceptable Use Policy for use in all public elementary and secondary  
8 schools in the state.

9           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
10 president of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and the executive  
11 director of the Louisiana School Boards Association.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jeanne C. Johnston.

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DIGEST

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