

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 19

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A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to require the governing authority of each public elementary and secondary school to provide

instruction to students in grades kindergarten through twelve to promote safe and appropriate use of the Internet via computers, cellular phones, and other wireless handheld devices and to develop a model Acceptable Use Policy for use in all public elementary and secondary schools in the state.

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

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE