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Internet Filtering 2024 Legislation

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Jurisdiction	Bill Number	Bill Title	Bill Status	Bill Summary
Alabama	H 167	Filter Requirements on Internet Enabled Devices	Pending	Relates to consumer protection; provides certain requirements for the use of a filter on certain Internet-enabled devices in this state; provides certain requirements for the filter and authorizes a civil action for a violation.
Alaska	S 245	Obscene Material Filters	Pending	Relates to obscene material filters for electronic devices used by minors; provides for an effective date.
Arizona	H 2661	Electronic Devices and Filters and Obscene Material	Pending	Relates to electronic devices; relates to filters; relates to obscene material.
Arkansas	None			
California	None			
Colorado	None			
Connecticut	None			
Delaware	None			
District of Columbia	None			
Florida	H 1129	Harm To Minors	Pending	Requires manufacturers of tablets or smartphones to manufacture such devices so that a filter is enabled upon activation; provides for enforcement; provides civil liability for

				individuals who enable passwords to remove a filter on a device in possession of minor; increases criminal penalties for certain offenses; prohibits persons who are of at least a specified age from knowingly engaging in communication that is part of pattern of communication or behavior that meets specified criteria.
Florida	S 1196	Protect Our Children Act	Pending	Cites this act as the Protect Our Children Act; requires manufacturers of tablets or smartphones to manufacture such devices so that a filter meeting certain requirements is enabled upon activation of the device in the State; authorizes the Attorney General to enforce the act; provides for damages; increases criminal penalties for adults who intentionally lure or entice, or who attempt to lure or entice, children under a specified age into a structure, dwelling or conveyance for other than a lawful purpose.
Georgia	H 338	Student Technology Protection Act	Pending - Carryover	Amends the Quality Basic Education Act, so as to provide for the inclusion of methods for the promotion of the safe and appropriate use of technology and responsible digital citizenship in the comprehensive character education program; revises requirements for internet safety policies in public schools; requires local boards of education and governing bodies of charter schools to annually submit acceptable-use policies and technology protection measures for review by the State Board of Education.
Guam	None			
Hawaii	None			
Idaho	H 663	Education	Pending	Amends and adds to existing law to require school districts to establish internet access policies to block certain content and to establish digital literacy instruction for students in grades 6 through 12.
Idaho	S 1222	Child Safety	Pending	Add new chapter to the Idaho code establishing provisions requiring certain internet filters on computer devices used by children.
Idaho	S 1253	Child Safety	Pending	Adds to existing law to establish provisions requiring certain internet filters on computer devices used by children.

Illinois	H 5163	Database Resources for Students Act	Pending	Creates the Database Resources for Students Act; provides that a school district, State agency, public library, or public university or community college may offer digital or online library database resources to students in grades kindergarten through 12 only if the provider of the resources verifies that all the resources have safety policies and technology protection measures that prohibit and prevent a user of the resources from sending, receiving, viewing, or downloading and filter or block access.
Indiana	S 201	Minor Use of Mobile Devices and Social Media	Pending	Relates to minor use of mobile devices and social media; requires the manufacturer of a mobile smart device that incorporates an adult content filter and that is sold in the state after specified date to configure the operating system of the mobile smart device, such that the adult content filter is enabled upon activation of the mobile smart device, and in a manner that reasonably ensures that a minor cannot disable the adult content filter.
Iowa	H 2114	Minors Using Mobile Devices	Pending	Relates to minors using mobile devices, including protections for minors, civil liability, and provides penalties.
Iowa	S 50	Requirements for Filters on Mobile Devices	Pending	Relates to requirements for filters on mobile devices activated in the state; provides for civil liability for manufacturers of mobile devices for certain violations; includes penalties.
Iowa	S 2213	Minors Using Mobile Devices	Pending	Relates to minors using mobile devices, including protections for minors and civil liability.
Kansas	None			
Kentucky	H 463	Protection of Children Using Social Media	Pending	Defines terms; specifies what entities are subject to this Act; requires digital service providers to register the age of the user; specifies the duties of digital services providers relating to agreements with minors; requires digital service providers to develop internal controls to prevent minors from being exposed to obscene matter, create parental monitoring tools, prevent advertising certain goods and services to minors, and provide information related to algorithms and content promotion.
Louisiana	None			
Maine	H 847	Student Data Collection Best Practices	Pending	Provides that the Department of Education shall submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs on school internet and student data collection policies and efforts

				to ensure that the state is using best practices, including but not limited to ensuring that schools are using appropriate internet and digital media filtering hardware and software; appropriates funds.
Maryland	H 772	Online Child Protection Act	Pending	Prohibits a person from selling an Internet-connected device that is intended for minors unless the device is sold with a certain filter, certain privacy settings, and other features; makes a violation of the prohibition an unfair, abusive, or deceptive trade practice that is subject to the enforcement and penalties under the State Consumer Protection Act; requires that preference be given to certain grant applications that include the use of broadband providers.
Maryland	H 1311	Obscene Material Device Filters	Pending	Requires, beginning a specified date, all devices activated in the state to enable a certain filter to prevent minors from accessing obscene material; prohibits a certain person from deactivating the filter; provides that a manufacturer of a device and certain persons are subject to civil and criminal liability for certain conduct related to device filters; authorizes the attorney general to take certain actions against persons who violate the Act.
Maryland	S 780	Online Child Protection Act	Pending	Prohibits a person from selling an Internet-connected device that is intended for minors unless the device is sold with a certain filter, certain privacy settings, and other features; makes a violation of the prohibition an unfair, abusive, or deceptive trade practice that is subject to the enforcement and penalties under the Maryland Consumer Protection Act; requires that preference be given to certain grant applications that include the use of broadband providers that implement the use.
Massachusetts	None			
Michigan	None			
Minnesota	H 1894	Public Safety	Pending	Relates to public safety; establishes the Human Trafficking and Child Exploitation Prevention Act; provides for rulemaking; requires a report.
Minnesota	S 846	Public Safety	Pending	Relates to public safety; establishes the Human Trafficking and Child Exploitation Prevention Act; provides for rulemaking; requires a report.

Mississippi				
Missouri	S 906	Sexual Exploitation of Vulnerable Persons	Pending	Modifies provisions relating to the sexual exploitation of vulnerable persons.
Missouri	S 1084	Obscene Websites	Pending	Relates to obscene websites.
Montana	No 2024 legislative session			
Nebraska	L 635	Access to Digital and Online Resources	Pending	Provides requirements regarding access to digital and online resources provided for students by school districts, schools, and the State Library Commission.
Nevada	No 2024 legislative session			
New Hampshire	None			
New Jersey	A 3819	Human Trafficking and Child Exploitation Prevention	Pending	Regards the Human Trafficking and Child Exploitation Prevention Act; requires Internet connected devices to have blocking capability in certain circumstances.
New Mexico	None			
New York	S 379	Parental Controls for Internet Services	Pending	Offers parental controls for internet services.
North Carolina	H 786	Youth Health Protection Act	Pending	Protects minors from administration of puberty blockers and cross-sex hormones and other related actions, procedures, and treatments; prohibits obscenity on smart phones for minors.
North Dakota	No 2024 legislative session			
N. Mariana Islands	Not available			
Ohio	None			
Oklahoma	H 1050	Human Trafficking and Child Exploitation	Pending	Relates to human trafficking and child exploitation; creates the Human Trafficking and Child Exploitation Prevention Act; defines terms; directs retailers of Internet-enabled devices to equip

				products with certain filters; requires retailers of Internet-enabled devices to ensure functionality of filters; establishes reporting requirements; directs retailers to submit reports of child pornography to certain tipline; prohibits retailers from blocking access to certain websites.
Oklahoma	H 3097	Crimes and Punishments	Pending	Relates to crimes and punishments; defines terms; makes commercial entities liable for publishing or distributing obscene material on the Internet; provides internet and cellular service subscribers the opportunity to make certain request; requires commercial entities to block access without charge; establishes liability provisions for violations; provides exemptions from liability; prohibits the retention of identifying information.
Oklahoma	H 3277	Student Digital Safety and Awareness Act	Pending	Relates to schools; creates the Student Digital Safety and Awareness Act; directs boards of education to adopt and implement digital safety policies; lists components to address in digital safety policy; requires data privacy and protection measures and transparency in data collection; mandates schools to report annually on the digital safety policy effectiveness; directs the state Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services to oversee and ensure compliance with act.
Oklahoma	S 1959	Consumer Protection	Pending	Relates to consumer protection; defines terms; allows for damages to be sought under certain conditions; prohibits commercial entities from distributing certain material without verification; provides for lawful access to certain material; prevents a commercial entity from being held liable under certain conditions; prohibits a commercial entity from retaining individual's information; exempts certain providers; requires attorney general to take certain action; authorizes attorney general to develop.
Oregon	None			
Pennsylvania	H 1501	Filtered Devices	Pending	Provides for filtered devices required, for manufacturer liability, for damages and for civil action for enforcement and penalties.
Pennsylvania	S 187	Child Internet Protection Act	Pending	Amends the act known as the Child Internet Protection Act; provides for title and for definitions; makes editorial changes.

Puerto Rico	H 1020	Computer Privacy Citizen Orientation Office Duties	Pending	Amends Law 5 of 1973, the Organic Act of the Department of Consumer Affairs, in order to group and consolidate into a single Act, the functions, powers and duties of the Citizen Orientation Office on Protection of Computer Privacy, and Against Obscenity and Child Pornography on Radio, Television and the Internet; arranges for the transfer of all property, documents, unspent amounts of allowances, items and other funds held and under the custody of the Office to the Department of Consumer Affairs.
Rhode Island	None			
A. Samoa	Not available			
South Carolina	H 4540	Childrens Default to Safety Act	Pending	Relates to Safeties Act; provides protections for children against unfiltered devices; provides necessary definitions; requires manufacturers of smart phones and tablets to automatically enable and passcode-protect the filters blocking material harmful to minors on devices activated in this state; subjects manufacturers to civil and criminal liability for violations of this article; subjects individuals to criminal and civil liability for violations of this article.
South Carolina	H 4572	Requirements and Restrictions on School Districts	Pending	Provides the state Department of Education shall review and approve all internet websites, computer applications, and other computer software proposed for use on school-issued digital devices to ensure their alignment to curriculum approved for use in schools; provides related requirements and restrictions on school districts and students; provides the department shall develop a procedure for district personnel to obtain such approval.
South Carolina	H 4689	Children's Device Protection Act	Pending	Enacts the Children's Device Protection Act by adding specified article so as to require smartphones and tablets to contain certain filters and other features to prevent minors from accessing obscene materials through the internet; creates civil and criminal liability for manufacturers of these devices for certain violations of the provisions of this article, with exceptions, and to authorize the attorney general and solicitors to bring actions to enforce the provisions of the article.

South Carolina	S 591	Childrens Default to Safety Act	Pending	Enacts the children's default to safety act; provides protections for children against unfiltered devices; provides necessary definitions; requires manufacturers of smart phones and tablets to automatically enable and passcode protect the filters blocking material harmful to minors on devices activated in this state; subjects manufacturers to civil and criminal liability for violations of this article; subjects individuals to criminal and civil liability for violations of this article.
South Dakota	H 1197	Minors Obscene Materials Access Restriction Publication	To governor	Requires the publication of measures taken to restrict the access of obscene materials by minors; provides that each public school in the state shall equip each public access computer with software that will limit minors ability to gain access to obscene matter or materials or purchase internet connectivity from an internet service provider that provides filter services to limit access to obscene materials; provides that each public library in the state shall take specified actions.
Tennessee	H 761	Consumer Protection	Pending	Enacts the Youth Mental Health Safety Act.
Tennessee	S 138	Consumer Protection	Pending	Enacts the Youth Mental Health Safety Act; relates to devices capable of accessing the internet.
Texas	No 2024 legislative session			
Utah	S 104	Childrens Device Protection Act	To governor	Requires a tablet or a smartphone manufactured on or after specified date to automatically enable a filter upon device activation by a minor; requires the filter to prevent a minor user of the device from accessing material that is obscene; provides that an adult individual, other than the parent or legal guardian of the minor in possession of a device, who disables the filter on a device in possession of a minor for the purpose of disseminating pornography to the minor, commits a class A misdemeanor.
Vermont	None			
Virginia	None			
U.S. Virgin Islands	None			

Washington	None		
West Virginia	H 5191	Permitting Obscenity in Schools	Pending
Wisconsin	None		Relates to permitting obscenity in schools.
Wyoming	None		

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Alaska	None			
Arizona	None			
Arkansas	None			
California	None			
Colorado	None			
Connecticut	None			
Delaware	None			
District of Columbia	None			
Florida	H 379	Student Use of Social Media Platforms	Enacted	Relates to technology in k-12 public schools; requires each district school board to adopt an internet safety policy for student access to the internet provided by the school district; provides requirements; requires each school district to prohibit and prevent student access to social media through internet access provided by the school district; provides an exception; prohibits the use of certain platforms on district-owned devices and through internet access provided by the school district.

Florida	S 1426	Device Filtering	Failed - Adjourned	Relates to device filtering; requires manufacturers of tablets or smartphones to manufacture such devices so that a filter meeting certain requirements is enabled upon activation of the device in this state; subjects such manufacturer to civil and criminal liability for certain acts of noncompliance; provides an exception; provides civil liability for individuals who enable a password to remove the required filter on a device in the possession of a minor under certain circumstances.
Georgia	H 338	Student Technology Protection Act	Pending - Carryover	Amends the Quality Basic Education Act, so as to provide for the inclusion of methods for the promotion of the safe and appropriate use of technology and responsible digital citizenship in the comprehensive character education program; revises requirements for internet safety policies in public schools; requires local boards of education and governing bodies of charter schools to annually submit acceptable-use policies and technology protection measures for review by the State Board of Education.
Guam	None			
Hawaii	None			
Idaho	S 1057	Protection of Minors	Failed - Adjourned	Adds to existing law to establish the Parental Rights Protection of Minors Act to protect minors from exposure to harmful materials on certain devices.
Idaho	S 1163	Protection of Minors	Failed	Adds to existing law to establish the Parental Rights Protection of Minors Act to protect minors from exposure to harmful materials on certain devices; requires the installation of filters on certain devices; defines device to mean a tablet or a smartphone manufactured on or after Jan. 1 of the year following the year this chapter takes effect.
Illinois	None			
Indiana	None			
Iowa	S 50	Requirements for Filters on Mobile Devices	Pending - Carryover	Relates to requirements for filters on mobile devices activated in the state; provides for civil liability for manufacturers of mobile devices for certain violations; includes penalties.
Kansas	None			
Kentucky	None			
Louisiana	None			

Maine	H 847	Student Data Collection Best Practices	Pending - Carryover	Provides that the Department of Education shall submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs on school internet and student data collection policies and efforts to ensure that the state is using best practices, including but not limited to ensuring that schools are using appropriate internet and digital media filtering hardware and software; appropriates funds.
Maryland	H 1082	Handheld Smart Device Child Blocker	Failed - Adjourned	Requires a manufacturer of a tablet or smart phone manufactured on or after a specified date and sold or offered for sale in the state to manufacture the tablet or smart phone to automatically enable a certain filter, when activated in the state, that prevents the user from accessing or downloading material on certain networks and applications that is harmful to minors.
Massachusetts	None			
Michigan	None			
Minnesota	H 1894	Public Safety	Pending - Carryover	Relates to public safety; establishes the Human Trafficking and Child Exploitation Prevention Act; provides for rulemaking; requires a report.
Minnesota	S 846	Public Safety	Pending - Carryover	Relates to public safety; establishes the Human Trafficking and Child Exploitation Prevention Act; provides for rulemaking; requires a report.
Mississippi	H 151	School Districts Wireless Learning Environments	Failed	Requires each school district to develop and implement a wireless technology infrastructure to serve all the schools and classrooms in the district; requires the districts to develop a strategic plan to provide for a two-year phase in period for complete implementation; requires districts to conduct thorough needs assessments to determine existing ability and network capacity and recommendations for future network traffic.
Mississippi	H 1315	Pornographic Media Exposure to Children in K-12	Enacted	Regulates pornographic media exposure to children in K-12; regulates digital and online resources provided by K-12 vendors.
Mississippi	H 1341	Digital or Online Resources or Databases	Failed	Relates to digital or online resources or databases; requires vendors to verify technology protection measures for persons under the specified age.

Missouri	S 308	Authentication of Access to Obscene Websites	Failed - Adjourned	Requires internet service providers to authenticate access to obscene websites and provide subscribers the ability to create an authentication to access such websites.
Montana	H 349	Electronic Devices Obscenity Filter Requirements	Failed	Establishes obscenity filter requirements for electronic devices; provides that a person who is not a minor's parent or legal guardian may not provide a minor with the passcode to remove the obscenity filter on an electronic device; provides for legislative intent.
Nebraska	L 635	Access to Digital and Online Resources	Pending - Carryover	Provides requirements regarding access to digital and online resources provided for students by school districts, schools, and the State Library Commission.
Nevada	None			
New Hampshire	None			
New Jersey	A 2952	Human Trafficking and Child Exploitation Prevention Act	Pending	Concerns the Human Trafficking and Child Exploitation Prevention Act; requires Internet-connected devices to have blocking capability in certain circumstances.
New Mexico	None			
New York	S 379	Parental Controls for Internet Services	Pending	Offers parental controls for internet services.
North Carolina	H 786	Youth Health Protection Act	Pending	Protects minors from administration of puberty blockers and cross-sex hormones and other related actions, procedures, and treatments; prohibits obscenity on smart phones for minors.
North Carolina	S 2360	Safety Policies and Technology Protection Measures	Vetoed	Provides that digital or online library database resources offered by a school district, state agency, or public library to students in certain grades must have safety policies and technology protection measures that prohibit and prevent a user of the resource from sending, receiving, viewing, or downloading materials constituting an obscene performance or explicit sexual material and filter or block access to explicit material; provides that an employee who violates this is guilty of a class B misdemeanor.
N. Mariana Islands	Not available			
Ohio	None			

Oklahoma	H 1050	Human Trafficking and Child Exploitation	Pending - Carryover	Relates to human trafficking and child exploitation; creates the Human Trafficking and Child Exploitation Prevention Act; defines terms; directs retailers of Internet-enabled devices to equip products with certain filters; requires retailers of Internet-enabled devices to ensure functionality of filters; establishes reporting requirements; directs retailers to submit reports of child pornography to certain tipline; prohibits retailers from blocking access to certain websites.
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Rhode Island	None			
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South Dakota	None			
Tennessee	H 761	Consumer Protection	Pending - Carryover	Enacts the Youth Mental Health Safety Act.

Tennessee	S 138	Consumer Protection	Pending - Carryover	Enacts the Youth Mental Health Safety Act; relates to devices capable of accessing the internet.
Texas	H 18	Protection of Minors	Enacted	Relates to the protection of minors from harmful, deceptive, or unfair trade practices in connection with the use of certain digital services and electronic devices, including the use and transfer of electronic devices to students by a public school.
Texas	H 231	Primary and Secondary Schools Online Library Resources	Failed - Adjourned	Relates to the purchase of online library resources for primary and secondary schools by the state, State Library and Archives Commission.
Texas	H 1853	Parent Access to Public School Library Internet Portals	Failed - Adjourned	Relates to parental access to public school library Internet portals and restriction of access to certain public school library materials for the parent's student.
Texas	H 1936	Electronic Device Filters for Certain Explicit Material	Failed - Adjourned	Relates to electronic device filters for certain explicit material; creates a criminal offense; provides a civil penalty.
Texas	H 1945	Access to Certain Internet Websites in Public Schools	Failed - Adjourned	Relates to access to certain internet websites in public schools.
Texas	H 2673	Use and Transfer of Electronic Devices to Students	Failed - Adjourned	Relates to requirements for the use and transfer of electronic devices to students by a public school.
Utah	None			
Vermont	None			
Virginia	None			
U.S. Virgin Islands	None			
Washington	None			
West Virginia	None			
Wisconsin	None			
Wyoming	None			