SENATE BILL 1813

By Hensley

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to internet access.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-221, is amended by deleting subsection (b) and substituting instead the following:

(b) Each LEA shall install the technology selected according to the LEA’s internet acceptable use policy under subdivision (a)(1)(C) on each of the LEA’s computers with internet access to filter or block internet access through the LEA’s computers to:

(1) Material that the LEA deems to be harmful to juveniles;

(2) Child pornography; and

(3) Obscenity, as determined by community standards.

(c) Each LEA shall review the LEA’s internet acceptable use policy, as well as the technology installed by the LEA to filter or block internet access through the LEA’s computers under subsection (b), no later than January 1, 2021, and at least once every three (3) years thereafter, to ensure that the LEA’s internet acceptable use policy and the technology selected and installed by the LEA pursuant to subdivision (a)(1)(C) and subsection (b) are up to date in light of technological advancements.

(d) The director of schools shall take appropriate steps to implement and enforce the LEA’s internet acceptable use policy.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020, the public welfare requiring it.