

HB 885 -- SAFER INTERNET FOR CHILDREN ACT

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This bill creates the "Safer Internet for Children Act," which requires Internet service providers to block access to obscene websites unless a passcode is entered. This access is limited to people 18 years of age or older. The Internet service provider and the Attorney General's Office must provide a method for reporting when a website that a person believes should be accessible is blocked or when a website that a person believes is obscene and should be blocked isn't blocked. It must also develop an evaluation process for determining whether a website is obscene. If a person disputes a report of a blocked website, the Attorney General must, within five days after the reporting occurs, send a report to the person who reported the site and explain whether the website is permissible. An Internet service provider that makes a good faith effort to apply a generally accepted and commercially reasonable method of compliance to block obscene websites and has the ability to discover and block new sites will not be liable for any penalty under this legislation.

An Internet service provider that knowingly violates the provisions of this legislation will be guilty of a misdemeanor and will be punished by imprisonment of less than a year or a fine of up to \$500, or both.