

ENROLLED HOUSE
CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 1097

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Rozell, Shedrick, Shurden, Smith,
Stipe, Taylor, Wilkerson, Williams
(Don), Williams (Penny) and Wright
of the Senate

A Concurrent Resolution directing all state agencies and all institutions within The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education to immediately remove from their computers and computer systems all obscene material; directing the institutions and state agencies to immediately take necessary steps to ensure that their computers and computer systems are not used to acquire, store, or distribute obscene material; requiring that access to obscene material be blocked; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the Internet is becoming an integral part of Oklahoma's educational and governmental operations; and

WHEREAS, state agencies and institutions within The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education are increasingly providing Internet access; and

WHEREAS, there is currently little control by state agencies or institutions within The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education of material accessed by users of the Internet; and

WHEREAS, it is widely known that, in addition to excellent educational material, certain newsgroups and other sites on the Internet contain the vilest forms of obscenity, including child pornography; and

WHEREAS, child pornography and other obscene material can be accessed by and placed on the computers and computer systems of state agencies and institutions of The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Legislature does not embrace censorship but over the years has addressed the harmful effects of obscenity, pornography, and especially child pornography by providing criminal penalties for possession and distribution of obscene material, including that distributed by electronic means; and

WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court has defined obscene material and has declared such material unprotected by the First Amendment to the United States Constitution; and

WHEREAS, computers and computer systems can be used not only for access to but also for distributing child pornography and other obscene material; and

WHEREAS, public equipment or funds should not be used to access, acquire, store, or distribute such material.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 45TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT all state agencies and all institutions within The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education adopt policies prohibiting the acquisition, storage, or distribution of obscene material, take immediate action to have removed from their computers and computer systems all obscene material, and take all reasonable action to block access to obscene material via computers and computer systems.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the chief administrative officers of all state agencies and all institutions within The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 22nd day of May, 1996.

of Speaker of the House
s Representative

Adopted by the Senate the 20th day of May, 1996.

Senate

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