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RESTRICT INTERNET ACCESS

House Bill 4191

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**Committee: Local Government and Urban
Policy**

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4191 AS INTRODUCED 2-9-99

House Bill 4191 would amend the Library Privacy Act to allow the governing board of a library that offers Internet access services to the public to restrict access to minors. The governing board could restrict Internet access by providing the services in the following manner: a) by making available to people of any age computer terminals that are restricted from receiving obscene or pornographic material; b) by reserving to people 18 years of age or older, or to people under 18 who are accompanied by a parent or guardian, Internet access terminals that are not restricted from receiving any material.

House Bill 4191 would define "Internet" to mean a matrix of networks that connects computers around the world. Under the bill, "library" would be defined to mean a library that is established by the state; a county, city, township, village, school district, or other local unit of government or authority or combination of local units of governments and authorities; a community college district; a college or university; or any private library open to the public.

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