

## Information Sheet

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### **H.B. 213 – SAFE TECHNOLOGY UTILIZATION AND DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

This 2015 session bill amended and enacted provisions related to educational technology, school community councils, and charter schools.

#### **H.B. 213 – Student Education-related Requirements:**

- ▶ requires that schools provide for education and awareness on safe technology utilization and digital citizenship that empowers a student to make smart media and online choices.
- ▶ requires a school community council to fulfill certain duties related to safe technology utilization and digital citizenship;
- ▶ requires a school district or charter school that purchases educational technology to ensure that adequate on and off campus Internet filtering is in place;
- ▶ requires a charter school governing board, or a certain council established by a charter school governing board, to fulfill certain duties related to safe technology utilization and digital citizenship

#### **Protecting Children In The 21<sup>st</sup> Century Act**

The Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) was enacted by Congress in 2000 to address concerns about children's access to obscene or harmful content over the Internet. CIPA imposes certain requirements on schools or libraries that receive discounts for Internet access or internal connections through the E-rate program – a program that makes certain communications services and products more affordable for eligible schools and libraries. In early 2001, the FCC issued rules implementing CIPA and provided updates to those rules in 2011.

#### **What CIPA Requires**

Schools and libraries subject to CIPA may not receive the discounts offered by the E-rate program unless they certify that they have an Internet safety policy that includes technology protection measures. The protection measures must provide for educating minors about appropriate online behavior, including interacting with other individuals on social networking websites and in chat rooms, and cyberbullying awareness and response.

Schools and libraries subject to CIPA are required to adopt and implement an Internet safety policy addressing:

- (a) access by minors to inappropriate matter on the Internet;
- (b) the safety and security of minors when using electronic mail, chat rooms and other forms of direct electronic communications;
- (c) unauthorized access, including so-called "hacking," and other unlawful activities by minors online;
- (d) unauthorized disclosure, use, and dissemination of personal information regarding minors; and
- (e) measures restricting minors' access to materials harmful to them.

Schools and libraries must certify they are in compliance with CIPA before they can receive E-rate funding.

#### **Utah Office of the Attorney General, Boys & Girls Clubs of Utah, and NetSmartz**

The NetSmartz program is an educational program of the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC) that provides age-appropriate resources to help teach children how to be safer online. The Boys & Girls Club of America and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children developed the NetSmartz program. Through the Office of the Utah Attorney General, Utah became the first state to adopt NetSmartz throughout public and private schools. The Boys & Girls Clubs of Utah provide NetSmartz Internet safety trainings to Utah's school-age youth in partnership with the Office of the Utah Attorney General. Last year this partnership provided trainings to 498,490 program participants throughout the state of Utah.