

1 an annual report to the school committee on the number of requests granted and denied to
2 unblock a website.

3 (d) Each school district shall annually review the requests made in the preceding year
4 pursuant to subsection (b)(2) of this section for unblocking websites in order to determine
5 whether the categories and standards contained in the policy adopted pursuant to subsection
6 (b)(1) of this section shall be revised.

7 (e) The Rhode Island department of education shall develop a written model internet
8 filtering policy for use by school districts, state schools, charter schools, and mayoral academies.
9 The model plan shall include, but not be limited to, the provisions contained in subsections (b)(1)
10 (b)(2) and (b)(3) of this section, and to the extent consistent with federal law, promote academic
11 freedom in the classroom, and shall be communicated to all school districts in the state for their
12 use and posted on the department website.

13 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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1 This act would mandate that each school district adopt the model written policy
2 developed by the department of education that addresses the use of internet filtering measures for
3 computer access in schools. The Rhode Island department of education would be required to
4 develop and post this model written policy for use by all school districts including state schools,
5 charter schools and mayoral academies consistent with federal law contained on the department's
6 website.

7 This act would take effect upon passage.

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