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Senate Bill 104

KNEA supports the passage of Senate Bill 104, the Kansas Children's Internet Protection Act.

As it applies to public schools, this requires that each public school district have a policy open to the public regarding how the district deals with access to inappropriate materials that may be exposed to children via the internet in school. Further it requires that the school district have appropriate technology protection measures in place to ensure that minors are not exposed to obscene materials.

These provisions make perfect sense and we believe that most, if not all, public schools in Kansas already use internet filtering software in order to safeguard children.

The bill also provides for liability protection for those school districts that have adopted policies and taken appropriate technology protection measures in the event that a minor should manage to break through such protections or should the filtering software fail.

The provisions of SB 104 will help in keeping our children safe from obscene materials and will help ease the minds of teachers and parents who understand the importance of internet access to research and learning.