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Putnam introduces cyber-safety bill to protect children

WASHINGTON – Congressman Adam Putnam (R-Fla.) today introduced legislation to allow schools more leeway in teaching children about the dangers associated with predators on the Internet. The Student Internet Safety Act was immediately praised by Polk County Sheriff Grady Judd.

“We teach our children how to look both ways before crossing the street; we also need to teach them the safety rules for the ‘information superhighway,’” said Putnam.

The Student Internet Safety Act would expand the list of authorized activities permitted under the Enhancing Education Through Technology Program and Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Program. These programs, under the Elementary and Secondary Act (ESEA), allow schools to develop and implement programs that promote the safe use of the Internet by students.

“I applaud Congressman Adam Putnam's leadership and hard work regarding this important legislation,” said Sheriff Judd. “Educators, law enforcement, and parents have a solemn obligation to educate our children about the potential dangers of the Internet. All of us must take a proactive action to teach our kids how to stay safe online. This legislation takes important steps to make this happen. Nothing is more important to our communities' future than the safety and well being of our children.”

Since 2001, Putnam has represented Florida's 12th Congressional District, which includes most of Polk County and portions of Hillsborough and Osceola counties.