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Referred to Committee on EDUCATION

Introduced by:
(ED)

AN ACT CONCERNING PUBLIC SCHOOL LIBRARIES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2025*) (a) As used in this section:
- 2 (1) "Library material" means books, periodicals or any other sources,
3 in print or nonprint format, available for reference purposes or to be
4 circulated for voluntary inquiry by students. "Library material" does not
5 include materials required as a part of classroom instruction;
- 6 (2) "Remove" means deliberately taking library material out of a
7 library's collection. "Remove" does not include the process of clearing
8 such collection of any materials that are no longer useful;
- 9 (3) "Restrict access" means placing library material in any manner to
10 limit circulation or accessibility; and
- 11 (4) "Qualified complaint" means a request by a student, or a parent or
12 guardian of a student, to remove or restrict access to library material in
13 the collection of the school library or media center of the school in which
14 such student is enrolled.

15 (b) Not later than January 1, 2026, each local and regional board of
16 education shall establish a policy for the evaluation of any library
17 material that is the subject of a qualified complaint or otherwise subject
18 to removal or restricted access. Such policy shall include, but need not
19 be limited to, (1) developing a complaint form for filing qualified
20 complaints, which form shall be posted on the Internet web site of each
21 school under such board's jurisdiction, (2) prescribing a process for the
22 submission of a qualified complaint, (3) establishing a library material
23 review committee that shall include, but need not be limited to, (A) the
24 principal of the school in which the library material is located, (B) the
25 director of curriculum, or a person in an equivalent position, employed
26 by such board, (C) a certified school librarian employed by such board
27 or employed by another board of education in the state, (D) the
28 superintendent of the school district, or the superintendent's designee,
29 and (E) one or more teachers employed by such board, and (4)
30 specifying the process for a library material review committee's
31 evaluation of library material and the time frame and manner in which
32 such committee is required to respond to a qualified complaint. Such
33 board shall review such policy and make any necessary updates not less
34 frequently than every five years after establishing such policy.

35 (c) No local or regional board of education shall permit library
36 material to be removed or subject to restricted access unless a library
37 material review committee completes an evaluation of such library
38 material and a final decision is made, as prescribed by the policy
39 established by such board pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, to
40 remove or restrict access to such library material. Such board shall post
41 any such final decision about whether such library material will be
42 removed or subjected to restricted access on the Internet web site of such
43 board.

44 (d) Each local or regional board of education shall provide a reason
45 for the removal of or restricted access to any library material belonging
46 to the collection of a school library or media center as a result of the
47 process prescribed by the policy established pursuant to subsection (b)

48 of this section. No board shall remove or restrict access to library
49 material because of any of the following:

50 (1) Partisan content or views contained in any library material;

51 (2) An author's race, nationality, gender identity, sexual orientation
52 or political or religious views;

53 (3) The personal discomfort, morality or political or religious views
54 of a member or members of the board;

55 (4) An author's points of view concerning current events, whether
56 international, national or local;

57 (5) The race, nationality, gender identity, sexual orientation or
58 political or religious views of a protagonist or other characters or as
59 otherwise represented in the library material; or

60 (6) The content of the library material is related to sexual health and
61 addresses physical, mental, emotional or social dimensions of human
62 sexuality, including, but not limited to, puberty, sex and relationships,
63 provided such library material may be subject to removal or restricted
64 access if it is not appropriate for students based on age, development
65 and grade level.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2025	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To require local and regional boards of education to develop a policy for the evaluation of public school library materials, to provide a reason for any removal or restriction of access to such materials and to prohibit removal or restricted access to such materials for certain reasons.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]