

A Bill to Ban Censorship of Books in Public School Libraries

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Banning school library resources due to partisan or doctrinal disapproval is hereby prohibited in all government-funded elementary, middle, and high schools.

SECTION 2. A. Partisan or doctrinal disapproval includes but is not limited to topics related to race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, or present or historical discrimination.

B. Government-funded schools include any partially or wholly funded schools by the local, state, and federal government.

C. Library resources are those materials, both print and non-print, which are found in school libraries that support curricular and personal information needs including but not limited to books, ebooks, audiobooks, newspapers, and magazines.

SECTION 3. The Department of Education will oversee the enforcement of this bill.

SECTION 4. This bill shall go into effect at the beginning of the 2024-2025 school year.

SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Ladue Horton Watkins High School