

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.
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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1646

By: Representative McGrew

By: Senator M. McKee

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT CONCERNING KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE FIVE
LIBRARY MEDIA CENTERS; TO REQUIRE CERTAIN MATERIALS
TO BE STORED IN LOCKED *COMPARTMENTS* WITHIN A
DESIGNATED AREA; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

*TO REQUIRE CERTAIN MATERIALS TO BE
STORED IN LOCKED COMPARTMENTS WITHIN A
DESIGNATED AREA.*

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 25, Subchapter 1, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

6-25-107. Certain materials limited.

(a) A library media center located in a public school building that is configured as an elementary school and in which kindergarten through grade five (K-5) students are enrolled shall store non-age-appropriate sexual content, including without limitation a book or other resource that is located in the library media center that is available to the public, in a locked compartment within a designated area.

(b) A library media center located in a public school building that is configured as an elementary school and in which kindergarten through grade five (K-5) students are enrolled shall not allow a student enrolled in the school to view or check out a book or other resource that concerns non-age-appropriate sexual content and that is stored in a locked compartment within a designated area unless the library media center receives prior written



approval from the student's parent, legal guardian, or person standing in loco parentis to the student.

(c)(1) An allegation that an individual knowingly failed to comply with this section for the first time shall be documented by the principal of the public school at which the individual is employed and by the superintendent of the public school district in which the individual is employed.

(2) A public school principal and public school district superintendent may suspend an individual who is found to have knowingly failed to comply with this section for a maximum of five (5) days without pay.

(d)(1) An allegation that an individual knowingly failed to comply with this section a second time shall be referred to the Professional Licensure Standards Board by filing a formal complaint.

(2) The board may suspend the teaching license of an individual who is found to have knowingly failed to comply with this section a second time.

(e) If an individual is found to have knowingly failed to comply with this section a third time, the board shall revoke the individual's teaching license.

(f) As used in this section, "non-age-appropriate sexual content" means any materials that include explicit instruction, promotion, or advocacy of sexual ideology, behaviors, or orientations that are not developmentally appropriate for kindergarten through grade five (K-5) students.

/s/McGrew

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