

## HB 0282 Public Schools - Sexually Explicit Materials - Prohibited in Libraries and Media Centers

I am writing to support HB 0282 which will prohibit sexually explicit materials in public school libraries and media centers.

As a teacher of over 30 years, I saw the impact that pornography and sexually explicit materials have on our young children. It promotes sexual promiscuity and the spread of sexually transmitted disease. It also can be one of the main causes of unwanted teenage pregnancy.

No child should be exposed to pornography in ANY venue, but particularly in our public-school libraries and media centers. It doesn't matter what type of pornography it is.

Childhood should be a time of innocence and not one where children are exposed to damaging pornographic materials. As our country faces a crisis in child trafficking, pornography can encourage our young people to meet adults who intend to manipulate and exploit them into sexual activity, drug use and eventually other dangerous activity.

I support the ban in HB 0282.

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