

1 AN ACT concerning local government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Local Library Act is amended by
5 adding Section 1-8 as follows:

6 (75 ILCS 5/1-8 new)

7 Sec. 1-8. Book bans prohibited. The board of trustees or
8 staff of a public library established under this Act shall not
9 limit access to biographies, autobiographies, memoirs, or any
10 other books or materials in the library or prohibit the
11 purchase for the library's collection of biographies,
12 autobiographies, memoirs, or any other books or materials
13 based upon the depiction in those books or materials of
14 matters of race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, sexual and
15 reproductive health, gender identity, religion, human rights
16 activism, or any other subject. This Section does not restrict
17 the board of trustees or staff of a public library established
18 under this Act from imposing limitations on access to books or
19 materials in the library for public safety reasons or based
20 upon the age and developmental level of persons who will have
21 access to those books or materials.

22 Section 10. The Illinois Library System Act is amended by

1 changing Section 3 as follows:

2 (75 ILCS 10/3) (from Ch. 81, par. 113)

3 Sec. 3. The State Librarian and his or her staff shall
4 administer the provisions of this Act and shall prescribe such
5 rules and regulations as are necessary to carry the provisions
6 of this Act into effect.

7 The rules and regulations established by the State
8 Librarian for the administration of this Act shall be designed
9 to achieve the following standards and objectives:

10 (A) provide library service for every citizen in the state
11 by extending library facilities to areas not now served;~~i-~~

12 (B) provide library materials for student needs at every
13 educational level;~~i-~~

14 (C) provide adequate library materials to satisfy the
15 reference and research needs of the people of this state;~~i-~~

16 (D) provide an adequate staff of professionally trained
17 librarians for the state;~~i-~~

18 (E) provide an adequate stock of books and other materials
19 sufficient in size and varied in kind and subject matter to
20 satisfy the library needs of the people of this state;~~i-~~

21 (F) provide adequate library outlets and facilities
22 convenient in time and place to serve the people of this
23 state;~~i-~~

24 (G) encourage existing and new libraries to develop
25 library systems serving a sufficiently large population to

1 support adequate library service at reasonable cost;~~;~~

2 (H) foster the economic and efficient utilization of
3 public funds;~~;~~

4 (I) promote the full utilization of local pride,
5 responsibility, initiative and support of library service and
6 at the same time employ state aid as a supplement to local
7 support; ~~and.~~

8 (J) prohibit the library systems established under this
9 Act and their staff from limiting access to biographies,
10 autobiographies, memoirs, or any other books or materials and
11 prohibit the purchase of biographies, autobiographies,
12 memoirs, or any other books or materials based upon the
13 depiction in those books or materials of matters of race,
14 ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion,
15 human rights activism, or any other subject. This paragraph
16 (J) does not restrict a library system or its staff from
17 imposing limitations on access to books or materials in the
18 library system for public safety reasons or based upon the age
19 and developmental level of persons who will have access to
20 those books or materials.

21 The Advisory Committee of the Illinois State Library shall
22 confer with, advise and make recommendations to the State
23 Librarian regarding any matter under this Act and particularly
24 with reference to the formation of library systems.

25 (Source: Laws 1965, p. 3077.)

1 Section 15. The Public Library District Act of 1991 is
2 amended by adding Section 1-60 as follows:

3 (75 ILCS 16/1-60 new)

4 Sec. 1-60. Book bans prohibited. The board of trustees or
5 staff of a library established under this Act shall not limit
6 access to biographies, autobiographies, memoirs, or any other
7 books or materials in the library or prohibit the purchase for
8 the library's collection of biographies, autobiographies,
9 memoirs, or any other books or materials based upon the
10 depiction in those materials of matters of race, ethnicity,
11 sexual orientation, sexual and reproductive health, gender
12 identity, religion, human rights activism, or any other
13 subject. This Section does not restrict the board of trustees
14 or staff of a library established under this Act from imposing
15 limitations on access to books or materials in the library for
16 public safety reasons or based upon the age and developmental
17 level of persons who will have access to those books or
18 materials.

19 Section 20. The Village Library Act is amended by adding
20 Section 6 as follows:

21 (75 ILCS 40/6 new)

22 Sec. 6. Book bans prohibited. The board of trustees or
23 staff of a village library established under this Act shall

1 not limit access to biographies, autobiographies, memoirs, or
2 any other books or materials in the library or prohibit the
3 purchase for the village library's collection of biographies,
4 autobiographies, memoirs, or any other books or materials
5 based upon the depiction in those materials of matters of
6 race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, sexual and reproductive
7 health, gender identity, religion, human rights activism, or
8 any other subject. This Section does not restrict the board of
9 trustees of a village library established under this Act from
10 imposing limitations on access to books or materials in the
11 village library for public safety reasons or based upon the
12 age and developmental level of persons who will have access to
13 those books or materials.

14 Section 25. The School Code is amended by by adding
15 Sections 10-20.85 and 34-18.82 as follows:

16 (105 ILCS 5/10-20.85 new)

17 Sec. 10-20.85. Book bans prohibited. Neither a school
18 district nor its staff shall limit access to biographies,
19 autobiographies, memoirs, or any other books or materials in a
20 school library or prohibit the purchase for the school
21 library's collection of biographies, autobiographies, memoirs,
22 or any other books or materials based upon the depiction in
23 those materials of matters of race, ethnicity, sexual
24 orientation, sexual and reproductive health, gender identity,

1 religion, human rights activism, or any other subject. This
2 Section does not restrict a school district or its staff from
3 imposing limitations on access to books or materials in a
4 school library for public safety reasons or based upon the age
5 and developmental level of students who will have access to
6 those books or materials.

7 (105 ILCS 5/34-18.82 new)

8 Sec. 34-18.82. Book bans prohibited. Neither the school
9 district nor its staff shall limit access to biographies,
10 autobiographies, memoirs, or any other books or materials in a
11 school library or prohibit the purchase for the school
12 library's collection of biographies, autobiographies, memoirs,
13 or any other books or materials based upon the depiction in
14 those materials of matters of race, ethnicity, sexual
15 orientation, sexual and reproductive health, gender identity,
16 religion, human rights activism, or any other subject. This
17 Section does not restrict the school district or its staff
18 from imposing limitations on access to books or materials in a
19 school library for public safety reasons or based upon the age
20 and developmental level of students who will have access to
21 those books or materials.