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# Legislation of Concern in 2025

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EveryLibrary is monitoring state legislation during the 2025 session that would limit Americans' freedom to read and think for themselves. Of most concern are proposed laws that would allow for criminal prosecution of librarians, educators, higher ed. faculty, and museum professionals.

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In 2025, we are paying the most attention to state legislative initiatives in ten categories:

1. bills that would criminalize libraries, education, and museums (and/or the employees therein) by removing long-standing defense from prosecution exemptions under obscenity laws and/or expose librarians to civil penalties;
2. bills that change obscenity and "harmful to minors" definitions that preempt established First Amendment rights;
3. bills that would establish book rating systems, leading to segregation or expulsion of materials by topic or viewpoint;
4. bills that mandate restrictive library policies, esp. prescribing collection development or materials challenge policies;
5. bills that would limit access to school library databases;
6. bills that create onerous parental control/notification requirements that lead to segregated materials or limit free speech;
7. bills that limit or outlaw the teaching of "divisive concepts";
8. bills that lead to defunding or closure of libraries or politicization of library boards.
9. bills that limit funding or participation in professional library associations or drop accreditation requirements for professional librarians
10. bills that seek to de-professionalize librarianship through loosening or elimination of licensing/certification requirements

On a positive note, we are also tracking "right to read" bills that offer protections to libraries/librarians, as well as other positive bills.

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**We do more than monitor bills - we proactively work with local partners to oppose bad legislation and promote good legislation, and support effective advocacy at hyper-local levels.**

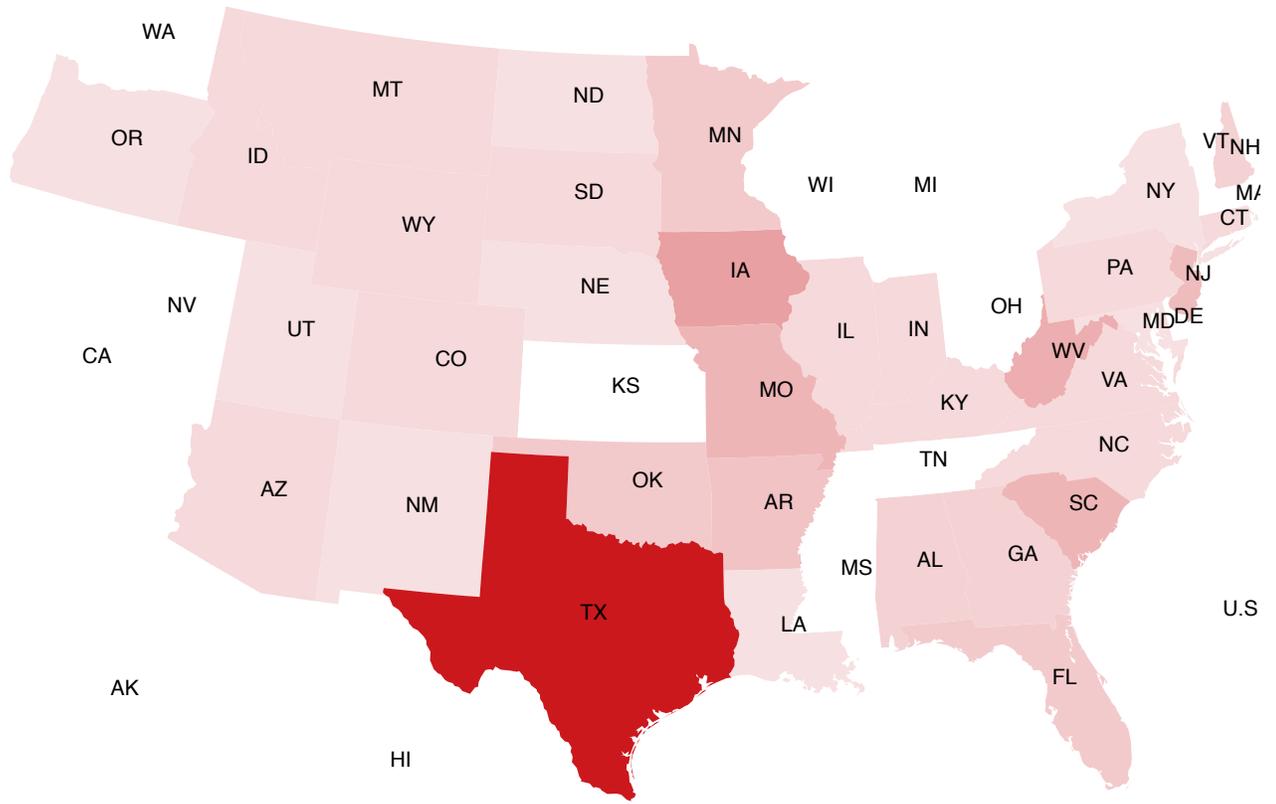
EveryLibrary is an active and engaged partner with over 100 grassroots groups, many state library associations, and other coalition partners, helping them create and field effective legislative advocacy strategies. We provide partners with free access to a suite of digital advocacy tools including [FightForTheFirst.org](#), our [Action.EveryLibrary.Org](#) site, and [SaveSchoolLibrarians.org](#). If you would like to talk about how EveryLibrary can help your state library association or advocacy group, please [contact our team today](#).

## 2025 Legislation of Concern

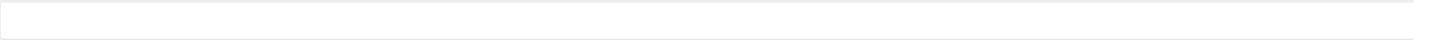
(Note: includes live bills from 2024 for states with two-year sessions)

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**Bills (most recent first)****ND SB2307 - Obscenity control; to provide for a report to the legislative management; and to provide a penalty. (Crossed Over)**

A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new subsection to section 12.1-27.1-01 and two new sections to chapter 12.1-27.1 of the North Dakota Century Code relating to the definition of a public library, required safety policies and technology...

04/10/2025: House Appropriations Executive Session (08:30:00 4/10/2025 Roughrider)

**NH HB324 - Relative to prohibiting obscene or harmful sexual materials in schools. (Crossed Over)**

This bill prohibits material that is obscene or harmful to minors in schools and creates a procedure for removal and cause of action.

04/10/2025: Education Hearing (09:30:00 4/10/2025 Room 101, Legislative Office Building)

**AR HB1646 - To Require Certain Materials To Be Stored In Locked Compartments Within A Designated Area. (Crossed Over)**

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

04/09/2025: Senate Education Committee (08:00:00 4/9/2025 Room 207)

**AR SB184 - To Transfer The Powers And Duties Of The Arkansas Educational Television Commission And The State Library Board To The Department Of Education. (Crossed Over)**

AN ACT TO TRANSFER CERTAIN POWERS AND DUTIES TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION; TO ABOLISH THE ARKANSAS EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION COMMISSION; TO ABOLISH THE STATE LIBRARY BOARD; TO TRANSFER THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE ARKANSAS EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION...

04/09/2025: House State Agencies & Gov't Affairs (10:00:00 4/9/2025 Room 151)

**AR SB536 - To Abolish And Transfer The Arkansas State Library And The State Library Board; And To Declare An Emergency. (Crossed Over)**

AN ACT TO ABOLISH THE ARKANSAS STATE LIBRARY; TO ABOLISH THE STATE LIBRARY BOARD; TO TRANSFER CERTAIN POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE ARKANSAS STATE LIBRARY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND THE ARKANSAS STATE ARCHIVES; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND...

04/09/2025: House State Agencies & Gov't Affairs (10:00:00 4/9/2025 Room 151)

**CO HB1158 - Digital Education Materials (In Committee)**

A public school contracting entity (entity) that executes a contract on or after July 1, 2026, with a vendor or provider of a curated digital research collection (collection) shall include in the terms of the contract a termination clause stating...

04/09/2025: House Second Reading Calendar (08:00:00 4/9/2025 House Floor)

**NH SB33 - Relative to the regulation of public school materials. (Crossed Over)**

This bill requires local school districts to adopt and publicly post policies describing materials authorized for use by students in the district and outlining procedures to address complaints alleging that material is harmful or age-inappropriate...

04/09/2025: (CANCELLED) Education Policy and Administration Public Hearing (10:00:00 4/9/2025 Legislative Office Building 205-207)

**SC H4123 - Protection of Minors from Pornography and Obscenities Act (In Committee)**

Amend The South Carolina Code Of Laws By Enacting The "protection Of Minors From Pornography And Obscenities Act" By Amending Section 16-15-100 Relating To Definitions Applicable To The Article Regarding Obscenity Laws, So As To Amend The Definition...

04/09/2025: Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Cuffey



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