

BILL SUMMARY
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Bill No.:	SB397
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Impact:	Please see previous summary of this measure

Research Analysis

The engrossed version of SB 397 prohibits public schools and public libraries from having any materials that the average adult would find predominantly prurient.

Further, the measure requires school boards and public library governing boards to create committees to inventory their materials by July 1, 2024. All material must be rated as either "elementary", "junior high", "under 16", or "juniors and seniors".

School libraries serving students in pre-k through 5th grade may only contain materials designated as "elementary".

School libraries serving students in pre-k through 8th grade may only contain materials designated as "elementary" or "junior high".

School libraries serving junior high and high school students must keep any material designated as "juniors and seniors" in a section of the library that is only accessible to librarians, teachers, and staff. Students may only access material labeled "juniors and seniors" if they have presented written consent from a parent.

Public libraries are also required to put material designated as "juniors and seniors" in a section that is only accessible to library staff. Anyone seeking access to these materials must show consent from a parent or guardian.

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Fiscal Analysis

The measure is currently under review and impact information will be completed.

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Other Considerations

None.

