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Texas Parents United supports ratings system for obscene school library content

READER Act now heads to Governor's desk for signature

LEANDER, Texas – After passage in the state Senate late Tuesday night, the READER Act is headed to a procedural third reading and then to the Governor's desk thanks to the involvement of concerned parents and taxpayers.

House Bill 900, by Rep. **Jared Patterson**, and carried in the Texas Senate by Sen. **Angela Paxton**, sets up a rating system for school library materials. Such a system will help students, teachers, staff, parents, and volunteers to know which books and multimedia are sexually explicit and which are suitable for educational purposes. It also lays out standards for school libraries to abide by.

"Believe it or not, there is currently no legal definition of what was obscene for our Texas public schools -- the horror stories of what has been found on library shelves need no repeating and are well-known," said **Laura Davis**, president of Texas Parents United. "Thankfully the READER Act will now give us the transparency that has long been missing. Even better, parents will now have the ability to help guide what goes on the library shelves our tax dollars pay for. Thank you to all who called in and made visits to legislative offices in support."

READER stands for Restricting. Explicit and Adult-Designated Educational Resources. The bill is slated to go into effect Sept. 1. Texas Parents United encourages Gov. **Greg Abbott** to sign this much-needed, common-sense bill.

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