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History and Final Disposition

LD 123 / SP0062

An Act to Eliminate the Educational Purposes Exception to the Prohibition on the Dissemination of Obscene Matter to Minors. Presented by Senator LIBBY of Cumberland. Referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs. Public Hearing 05/04/23. Final Disposition: Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report 06/13/23.

Original Bill

[LD 123 \(131st Legis. 2023\)](#)

Committee Materials

Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs

- (Master file available on request—please include citation: cf131-LD-0123.pdf)

[Public Hearing \(Audio File\) \(EDU\) \(05/04/2023\)](#)

[Work Session \(Audio File\) \(EDU\) \(05/23/2023\)](#)

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New Drafts and Amendments

[Amendment CA \(S-262\) \(LD 123 2023\)](#)

Floor Proceedings and Debate

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[SENATE, January 10, 2023 \(S-52-61\)](#)

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[HOUSE, June 13, 2023 \(H-762-819\)](#)

p. H-773 (Remarks) (Roll Call(s)(p774)) (Amendment(s) S-262)

News Articles

School librarians won't stay quiet about bill to ban 'obscene' books (Lana Cohen) (Portland Press Herald, 3/1/2023, p. A1, A6) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD01xx/nc131-LD-0123/PPH 230301B.pdf)

'Obscene' content bill doesn't have child protection at its heart (Marisella Greenlaw) (Portland Press Herald, 3/20/2023, p. A4) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD01xx/nc131-LD-0123/PPH 230318B.pdf)

Book-banning efforts must be shut down (Editorial) (Maine Sunday Telegram, 4/3/2023, p. B2) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD01xx/nc131-LD-0123/MST 230402C.pdf)

Proposals that restrict books, race discussions draw fire (Lena Cohen) (Portland Press Herald, 5/5/2023, p. A1, A5) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD01xx/nc131-LD-0123/PPH 230505C.pdf)

Lawmakers defeat bill to start rating system for school books (Randy Billings) (Portland Press Herald, 6/13/2023, p. A1, A6) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD01xx/nc131-LD-0123/PPH 230613C.pdf)

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