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ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2278

Introduced by

Senators Boehm, Castaneda, Wobbema

Representatives Frelich, Henderson, Holle

A BILL for an Act to provide a legislative management study relating to the retention of library materials.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - RETENTION OF LIBRARY MATERIALS. During the 2025-26 interim, the legislative management shall consider studying the feasibility and desirability of requiring libraries maintained by state agencies, including the state library and libraries at institutions under the control of the state board of higher education, to retain a copy of any book or other written material that contains the material's original text if the publisher of the material publishes a new version to update language that was common when the material was originally published to language that is considered more socially progressive, politically correct, inclusive, or less socially offensive. The study must include an analysis of how artificial intelligence has or will affect the retention of library materials, how library materials are updated or altered using artificial intelligence, and the fiscal and operational impact of collection management. The legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the seventieth legislative assembly.