

I am in favor of HB 2123. I am in favor of this bill because I have 2 young children. When I was a child, my family had a set of encyclopedias. Back in the day, when we were bored, we would page through the encyclopedia, hoping to find something interesting. Of course, anything with pictures was fun to look at. I remember finding pictures of naked bodies. I could not wait to show my friend. We have never seen an adult body before! Fast forward to now. I have 2 children and we have 1 book in our house about changing bodies. My kids absolutely love that book. Why? Because they haven't seen grown adult bodies yet. Guess what they try to do when their little friends come over? Show them that 1 book. While the encyclopedia and a book approved by me that I purchased may be safe and not sexual, there are many books in our libraries and schools that are. I want to be able to choose what my children will learn about sex and bodies until they are old enough to learn in a healthy manner. Children go to the libraries after school to hang out with friends. In fact, there is a bus that drops off kids at the library until their parents come home from work, middle schoolers. Kids are kids, and if they know there is that one book in the library that teaches them what every sex position and sex act is, they are going to want to see. They don't need to check it out to just look. I asked a lady once when she started talking about to her kids about sex. She said when they are very young. Why I asked? She said, "Do you want them to hear how it supposed to be done the way you want them to know or the way another little kid at school tells them the way?" What if that kid has been molested or raped and then your child thinks that is OK to be treated that way. Their first impression of sex will stick in their minds. I have seen some of the material in the books on the shelves of our library in Dickinson and I didn't even know what they meant about some of the terms this book was teaching. Most all of it is unnecessary for our children. Please protect our children. Jessica