

Please vote "DO NOT PASS" on SB 2123.

I was unaware that there was an issue with schools, museums, public libraries, or art galleries in the state of North Dakota displaying "objectionable materials" to minors such that the exclusion of these places in section 12.1-27.1-03.1 of the North Dakota Century Code needs to be deleted. Even if there may have been isolated incidents that may have offended someone, is amending a law to impose criminal penalties on North Dakota teachers, museum curators, or librarians the answer? To me, the obvious answer is a resounding "NO."

As legislators representing the people of North Dakota, I believe that one of the most important responsibilities you have is to consider how proposed legislation will be implemented, and the consequences, intended or not, of passing such legislation. The language of this amendment is so broad that it could be construed to apply to the entire section of romance novels contained in any library. Do you really expect our state attorneys to file criminal charges against librarians because a certain book in the library's collection is found to be "objectionable" to someone?

Personally, I think it is insulting to our public servants who work in schools, museums, or libraries to suggest that there is a need to pass this amendment. Let's not needlessly bring the worst of the culture wars to our state.

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