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As a teacher it is my fundamental job to "discriminate" about materials presented students: Some material is not suitable for ages or subjects: There is only very finite material that can be presented during the school year; and some material is detrimental to the psychological well being of children. To codify that neither school districts nor tax-paying citizens can "discriminate" on educational because some claim could be potentially made be a "protected" group of discrimination is antithetical to the educational development of children and actually impossible to abide by. Furthermore, to declare this as an EMERGENCY of health and safety is ridiculous. What is an emergency is the total lack of discipline and academics in schools! Our school district's (Nestucca Valley School District) ODE report cards states that are district wide ELA (English--reading and writing) proficiency is 37% and our math proficiency is < 5%. Yet our school administration is completely committed to allow for materials supporting "protected" groups, including books deplete of educational value such as, The Hate U Give. Is the kind of policies resulting from a bill such as SB1583 improving academic achievement? Please refer to our schools from prior to allowing such unacademic materials in 2018.

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