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I have been a substitute teacher for several years and I have consistently seen the value of adult guidance and trusted leadership in helping students select and read genuinely beneficial books and articles. This proposed bill will, if enacted, become a battering ram to go after any teacher who actively seeks to encourage students to read books of high quality and steer away from video games, from reading cartoons well below the reading level expected of their age group and especially avoiding reading material of a disturbing violent nature or approaching any pornographic or sexually explicit material not appropriate for their age group. This bill would allow activists to attack a teacher or other adult who are simply guiding the student toward that which will best help them in their education. Being cautious, careful, and discerning on what is best for their student should be labeled with a big D.....Discriminatory by this misleading and potentially lethal bill now being considered. It is very ill conceived.