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This type of bill will ultimately prevent local school boards who are elected by their constitutions, librarians and parents to guide what is best for the children they serve. It's another attempt by the state to dictate from on high what local counties can do and taking the local communities from governing their own schools based on the needs of their students. Taking away local control of school boards is sounds pretty dictatorial in nature to me. It opens the door to books that are inappropriate for school age children to obtain. Graphic novels depicting sexually explicit content have NO place in school libraries. Right now schools are struggling financially and schools are seeing continued declining enrollment. These kind of polices will further drive parents to homeschooling or private and charter schools. How about focusing on how to improve student proficiency in reading, writing and math since we are on the bottom of all the states ranking.