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This is a really shocking bill. It ultimately takes away authority from the parents re. what books and materials are appropriate for their children.

In one letter supporting the bill, I read how a teacher was so glad that by using the books in the library, she was able to gradually direct the mind of one of the young students from being heterosexual to transsexual. She felt she had done the young man a favor, releasing him to be what he was meant to be. This is deeply wrong thinking.

Another definition of discrimination is “the ability or power to see or make fine distinctions; discernment.” Discernment is defined as “the act or process of exhibiting keen insight and good judgment; keenness of insight and judgment.”

Who decides what is good judgment? Does the teacher or a committee have the right to make the final judgment call for a student? I think most people would agree that this teacher acted way out of bounds. This bill is a disastrous overreach of government power, interfering with parents’ authority and care for their children.

I’m shocked that any state legislator would even consider such a bill.