

HB 2044 -- PARENTAL OVERSIGHT OF PUBLIC LIBRARIES ACT

SPONSOR: Baker

This bill establishes a parental library review board, to be composed of five residents of a public library's geographical area elected at a regularly-convened hearing of the municipality or county that contains the majority of the library's geographical area.

The board will determine whether any sexual material provided to the public is age-inappropriate sexual material as defined in the bill. The procedure by which the board makes the determination is set out in the bill. If any material is determined to be age-inappropriate sexual material it will be removed from access by minors. Such determination is not subject to review by any governing body of the library, the state, or any political subdivision thereof, but judicial review is not prohibited.

This bill prohibits a public library from receiving state funding if it allows minors to access age-inappropriate sexual materials.

Any public library personnel who willfully neglects or refuses to perform any duty imposed on a library under this bill will be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$500 or by imprisonment for not more than one year.