

SENATE BILL 1944

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39,  
Chapter 17, Part 9 and Title 49, relative to  
obscenity.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-902(e), is amended by adding the following language at the end of the subsection:

The exception in this subsection (e) does not apply to the possession of obscene material by a local education agency; a public school, including a public charter school; or an employee or private contractor of a local education agency or public school if the obscene material is harmful to minors and possessed on public school premises.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 3, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

An LEA or public school, including a public charter school, must not allow obscene materials or materials harmful to minors, as defined in § 39-17-901, to be available to students in the school libraries controlled by the LEA or public school.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect July 1, 2022, the public welfare requiring it.