



Resolution to Implement HB 900 in Texas Public Schools

WHEREAS, graphic illustrations and/or descriptions of sexually explicit conduct as defined in 18 U.S.C§ 2256 (8) are being found in books marketed to children, including graphic novels and young adult literature; and

WHEREAS, these sexually explicit materials are being found in tax-payer funded Texas public school libraries; and

WHEREAS, children are not physically, mentally, emotionally, or legally able to give consent to sexual conduct; and

WHEREAS, exposing children to sexually explicit materials is patently offensive to prevailing community standards and an affront to the sexual boundaries of children for which reasonable adults aim to uphold and protect as a measure against child sexual grooming and child sexual exploitation; and

WHEREAS, the sexual exploitation and sex trafficking of children is a growing problem in the state of Texas that is made worse by the sexualization of children; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) regulates American public airwaves for indecent and profane content between the hours of 6 AM and 10 PM when children might be present in the interest of protecting them from harmful speech; and

WHEREAS, the 88th Texas Legislature passed with bi-partisan support The R.E.A.D.E.R Act aka HB 900 by Representative Jared Patterson and Senator Angela Paxton which mandates new library standards for the collection and development of materials for public school libraries, and includes the prohibition of the possession, acquisition, and purchasing of materials that are sexually explicit, pervasively vulgar, and educationally unsuitable; and

WHEREAS, HB900 was set to take effect on 1st September 2023 but was temporarily enjoined from taking effect by a Federal Judge; and

WHEREAS, the Acting Attorney General of Texas has publicly indicated it plans to appeal the injunction; and

WHEREAS, school districts have always had the moral imperative and legal right to remove sexually explicit, pervasively vulgar, and educationally unsuitable materials, according to current Texas State Library and Archives Commission guidelines and as supported in the plurality opinion in Pico vs. Board of Education; now

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Montgomery County Republican Party urges Cleveland ISD, Conroe ISD, Magnolia ISD, Montgomery ISD, New Caney ISD, Richards ISD, Splendora ISD, Tomball ISD, and Willis ISD School Boards to direct their superintendents and administrators to ensure removal of all materials that are sexually explicit, pervasively vulgar, and educationally unsuitable from their school and classroom libraries immediately upon identification.

Accepted by majority vote with one dissenting vote October 3, 2023

DJ Fike, Secretary, Montgomery County Republican Party

