Arizona Enacts Law Providing Parents Transparency & Oversight of K-12 School Library Materials

STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX – A new state law sponsored by State Representative Beverly Pingerelli provides parents greater transparency and oversight of books and materials found in K-12 school library collections.

Representative Pingerelli’s legislation behind the new law, HB 2439, requires schools to provide to parents lists of books and materials their child borrows from the school library, post online a list of books available in a school’s library collection, and provide for a 60-day period of public review for new library acquisitions beginning next year. Governor Ducey signed HB 2439 on April 29.

“There must be a process for parents to know what is in their child’s school library,” said Representative Pingerelli. “This law provides basic transparency and openness in education that parents deserve. There was a time when posting grades for every quiz and homework was considered burdensome. Now it's simply the standard and no one could imagine going backwards. In a few years, this too will simply be the standard expectation.”

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