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HOUSE BILL NO. 1206

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A BILL to amend and reenact § 18.2-383 of the Code of Virginia, relating to obscene materials; restrictions on purchase, distribution, exhibition, or loan; exceptions; libraries and schools.

Patrons—Scott, P.A., Walker and Zehr

Referred to Committee on Education**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:****1. That § 18.2-383 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:****§ 18.2-383. Exceptions to application of article.**

Nothing contained in this article shall be construed to apply to:

(1) 1. The purchase, distribution, exhibition, or loan of any book, magazine, or other printed or manuscript material by any library, ~~school~~ *provided that any such material classified as obscene is available exclusively in a section of the library to which access is restricted by age*, or institution of higher education, supported by public appropriation;

(2) 2. The purchase, distribution, exhibition, or loan of any work of art by any museum of fine arts, ~~school~~, or institution of higher education, supported by public appropriation;

(3) 3. The exhibition or performance of any play, drama, tableau, or motion picture by any theatre, museum of fine arts, ~~school~~, or institution of higher education, supported by public appropriation.

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