

- (a) A process to review a reconsideration request. This process shall include but is not limited to a written determination approving or denying the request, a process to notify the library patron making the request of the written determination, and the process to appeal the determination to the library board of control.
- (b) A requirement that a request for reconsideration of a library material that may include sexually explicit material be reviewed by the library board of control.

Proposed law provides for immunity of employees and agents of the library or a member of the library board of control.

Proposed law allows a parish or municipality governing authority to withhold payments for maintenance costs and other expenses from a library that fails to adopt and implement the policy required by proposed law.

Proposed law requires the governing authority to provide 60 days written notice to the library board of control prior to withholding any payments pursuant to proposed law.

Proposed law prohibits the bond commission from considering any application authorizing the incurrence of debt or any application authorizing the levy of any tax where the proceeds of the debt or tax directly benefit any library that fails to adopt and implement the policy required by proposed law until the library adopts and implements the policy required by proposed law.

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Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Education to the original bill

1. Provides for a library card system that requires a minor's parent or guardian to select whether the minor is permitted to check out sexually explicit material physically available in the library.
2. Provides for a library card system that requires a minor's parent or guardian to select whether the minor is permitted to check out digital content.
3. Requires the library to list in the library's policy each digital content source accessible by a minor that contains library material that the library board of control has, through majority vote in an open meeting, identified as sexually explicit material pursuant to a request for reconsideration.
4. Provides for immunity of a member of the library board of control.

5. Requires the governing authority to provide 60 days written notice to the library board of control prior to withholding any payments pursuant to proposed law.

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Education to the engrossed bill

1. Clarify that community standards are to be considered when acquiring material accessible to minors.
2. Clarify that required procedure must allow a library patron to request the reconsideration of whether a library material should be included in a library collection accessible to minors.