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S.B. No. 1601

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to prohibiting municipal libraries that host certain events from receiving state or other public funding.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Chapter 315, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Section 315.0051 to read as follows:

Sec. 315.0051. PROHIBITED EVENTS AT MUNICIPAL LIBRARIES. A municipal library may not receive state or other public funds if the library hosts an event at which a man presenting as a woman or a woman presenting as a man reads a book or a story to a minor for entertainment and the person being dressed as the opposite gender is a primary component of the entertainment. The state and a political subdivision may not provide funds to the municipal library for the fiscal year following the year in which the library hosts an event described by this section.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only to an event that occurs on or after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.