**BILL ANALYSIS**

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**AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT**

In recent years a national 501c(3) called "Drag Queen Story Hour" has begun to encourage and host events in libraries across the country. Several municipal libraries in Texas have hosted such events. The state provides public money and grants to municipal libraries.

S.B. 18 would deny state or other public funding to municipal libraries that host drag story hours or otherwise host events where persons presenting as the opposite sex read books to children for entertainment.

As proposed, S.B. 18 amends current law relating to prohibiting municipal libraries that host certain events from receiving state or other public funding.

**RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

**SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Chapter 315, Local Government Code, by adding Section 315.0051, as follows:

Sec. 315.0051. PROHIBITED EVENTS AT MUNICIPAL LIBRARIES. Prohibits a municipal library from receiving 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. Prohibits the state and a political subdivision of the state from providing 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. Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2025.