



H.F. 4373

As introduced

Subject Libraries: prohibiting book banning

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## **Overview**

This bill prohibits a public or school library from banning, removing, or restricting access to a book or other material based on its viewpoint or message.

## **Summary**

## **Section Description**

## 1 Book banning.

**Subd. 1. Book banning prohibited.** Prohibits public libraries and school libraries from banning a book because of the viewpoint or idea it conveys. Specifies that the prohibition does not limit a library's normal collection management practices, school management, or the ability to comply with other state or federal law, and also does not limit a parent's ability to request alternative instruction.

**Subd. 2. Enforcement; civil action.** Provides a private right of action, with attorney fee shifting and a civil penalty, to enforce this section. Allows a defendant to recover fees if an action is frivolous. Also allows for enforcement by the attorney general.