



## 2023 SENATE BILL 304

May 24, 2023 - Introduced by Senators JACQUE and NASS, cosponsored by Representatives ALLEN, BODDEN, BRANDTJEN, MAXEY, WICHGERS and MURPHY. Referred to Committee on Mental Health, Substance Abuse Prevention, Children and Families.

1     **AN ACT** *to amend* 43.70 (3) of the statutes; **relating to:** prohibiting the use of  
2             common school fund income distributions for the purchase of obscene material.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

This bill prohibits a school district from using school library aid moneys distributed to the district from the common school fund income to purchase any item that would be considered obscene material. The Wisconsin Constitution establishes a common school fund, the income from which must be distributed as aid to school districts. Under current law, the moneys generated by the common school fund and distributed to school districts may only be expended for the purchase of instructional materials from the state historical society for use in teaching Wisconsin history and for the purchase of library books and other instructional materials for school libraries, but not for public library facilities operated by school districts. Current law also allows a school district to use the moneys received to purchase school library computers and related software if the school board consults with the supervisor of the district's libraries and the computers and software are housed in the school library.

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*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

3             **SECTION 1.** 43.70 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

