
General Assembly Convenes January 8th Could This Happen in Georgia?

“Virginia lawmaker² slams school board member³ for being sworn in on a stack⁴ of ‘banned books’: ‘Pull your kids out of school.’”

– The Washington Examiner¹, December 19, 2023 Headline

Virginia Delegate Nick Freitas² (R), who made the above statement in a December 18th *Fox News* interview with Jesse Watters, pleaded with parents, “If you can, pull your kids out of schools because that guy³ won with 65% of the vote and he’s not done.”

Delegate Freitas continued, “Here’s the thing I want to get across to parents because it’s always this idea of ‘banned books.’ I’ve got news for you. These books aren’t banned.... We had a bill in Virginia that said we won’t ban any books, but if you have books like this, you need to be able to keep a list on your public school library website, and parents need to be able to go on it, see that, and if they see a book that they think is inappropriate for their child, they get to prevent their child from checking out the book.”

School Board Member Karl Frisch³ Sworn-in with Hand on Stack⁴ of Porn Books

Fairfax County School Board Vice-chairman Karl Frisch was quoted December 1, 2023 in *DailyWire.com* as follows, “The religious nuts came out of the woodwork. Fairfax has a history of being an epicenter for right-wing religious fanaticism.”

The *Daily Wire* provided further background: “Frisch does not have any children.... is a Democrat campaign consultant from California and has few roots in Virginia. He won his first term by fundraising from out-of-state donors based on LGBTQ issues. His partner is a choral director for the school system.” Frisch becomes Fairfax School Board chair on January 1, 2024.

Parents Expose “Harmful-to-Minors” Material in School Libraries

Cobb County reported in August 2023 that 20 school libraries had contained *Flamer*⁴, or *Me and Earl and the Dying Girl* or both – both among 2022’s most challenged books. Librarians were asked why and when they bought them. Cobb’s Republican-majority school board, voted 4-3 on party lines, fired a teacher for reading a book on gender identity to fifth-grade students.

Forsyth County school board posted a parent’s photo taken while she spoke at the June 30, 2023 meeting. In March the mother of two W. Forsyth High School students filed a complaint containing excerpts from a book she believes is inappropriate. The educator that rebuffed⁵ her said, “The book is not introducing kids to sex. If you’re in high school, they’re having sex. These kids are saying it. They are doing it. They are not learning this from books⁵.” – (AP)

ACTION – Ask your local school board and the librarian of your child’s school about such books available to students. Then, if necessary to rectify the situation, use the complaint process explained on page 2.

¹ Article by Heather Hunter, December 19, 2023

² Nick Freitas (R), Virginia Delegate and Green Beret veteran

³ Karl Frisch (D), currently Vice-Chairman of the Fairfax County School Board becomes Chairman on January 1, 2024.

⁴ Five LGBT-themed books commonly challenged in libraries and schools – *Gender Queer*, *Flamer*, *All Boys Aren’t Blue*, *Lawn Boy*, and *The Perks of Being a Wallflower*.

⁵ The rebuff claims all hi-schoolers are doing and saying it, confirming the sexual, explicit, profane content of the books.

Moral Offenses Law Doesn't Apply to Public Libraries

*O.C.G.A. Title 16 Crimes and Offenses, Chapter 12 Offenses Against Public Health and Morals, Article 3
Obscenity and Related Offenses, Part 3 Sale or Distribution of Harmful Materials to Minors*

Why would/do Georgia Public school libraries buy harmful material or provide it to students? At least two reasons: (a) Librarians were/are urged to do so by counselors at Georgia's annual school counselor conference over 21 years ago. If attendees at that 1992 conference agreed with making school "a gay place to be," they, probably, dutifully, urged their school librarians to display posters and advertisements, and order books and materials that affirm and propagate sexual orientation, homosexuality and "coming-out." (b) Georgia law governing offenses against public health and morals does not apply to public schools. They were EXCEPTED.

Removing the word "school" will close the loophole and restrict harmful data in libraries!

O.C.G.A. 16-12-102 and 16-12-103, state-wide laws to prohibit offenses against public health and morals, and obscenity, do not apply to public libraries. ("exception" in 16-12-104 as follows)

O.C.G.A. 16-12-104. Library exception

"The provisions of Code Section 16-12-103 shall not apply to any public library operated by the state or any of its political subdivisions nor to any library operated as a part of any **school**, college, or university." (Note: S.B. 154 was introduced in 2023 to remove the word school.)

Held-over Bill would Prohibit Obscene Material in Public School Libraries

S.B. 154 Prohibit Sale/Distribution of Harmful Materials in School Libraries, introduced February 14, 2023 would place school libraries under current state-wide laws against moral and obscene offenses. Senator Greg Dolezal's S.B. 154 was first-read in the Senate on Valentine's Day, went into the Senate Education & Youth Committee, and remains alive for the 2024 session. Twenty-one of the 56 senators co-signed the bill in 2023 and the committee handling it is comprised of 9 Republicans and 4 Democrats, but it's still there. Its passage is critical.

Providing obscene material to minors is illegal in Georgia, but *is not illegal in public schools*.

ACTION – Support S.B. 154. Call Education and Youth Committee Senators Dixon, Ch., 404 656-6446; Payne, V-Ch., 463-5402; Sims, Sec., 463-5259; Brass, 656-0057, Ex-Officio; Dolezal, 656-0040, Ex-Officio; Echols, 463-3931; Gooch, Ex-Officio, 656-9221; Halpern, 463-1351; James, 463-1379; Parent, 656-5109; Setzler, 656-0256; Still, 656-7127; Tate, 463-8053. (all in area code 404)

Georgia School-Complaint Law

"The American Library Association announced that Maia Kobabe's graphic memoir 'Gender Queer' was the 'most challenged' book of 2022, the second consecutive year it has topped the list. ALA challenges are openly saying that young people should not be exposed to LGBTQ materials."

– Deborah Caldwell-Stone, Director, ALA's Office for Intellectual Freedom, April 24, 2023, by Hillel Italie, New York AP

S.B. 226, passed in 2022, became effective January 1, 2023 to provide (a) a clearer way for parents to object to and, possibly, prompt removal of books and material they find to be harmful to their children. (b) Principals and/or designees have seven days to investigate and reply.

The State Board of Education had a complaint process, but the rules didn't require a response or remedial action by the Board. S.B. 226 passed to correct that deficiency by giving the DOE until September 1, 2022 to provide a model complaint process that includes the requirements of the S.B. 226. **Result:** Since then, "School principals or designees are required to (a) investigate and determine the disposition of complaints and materials involved, then, (b) report to complainants within seven business days.

Written into the law is a meticulously outlined process for appealing an unacceptable decision. Unfortunately, this law does not prohibit such offensive material in colleges and universities.

ACTION – Use this process to report material-harmful-to minors in your child's public school library.

Coincidence or Strategy?

Alyson Wonderland Publications produce “Alyson Wonderland” books for adults and children. But, don’t be misled by the publisher’s name. *Be assured it’s not connected with Lewis Carroll* who published *Alice in Wonderland* in 1865 and made it into a series of books about *Alice*.

By 1989 Alyson Wonderland Publications was listing its eleven books for younger children. *Heather has Two Mommies*¹, price \$8.00, appears to be the pioneer publication. First on its list was *Daddy’s Roommate*², price \$9.00. Next was *Families*³, a coloring book for ages 3 to 6, price \$3. Number four, *Gloria Goes to Gay Pride*⁴, price \$8.00, the eleventh and last listed is “*How would you feel if your Dad was gay?*”⁵ price, \$10.00.

In 1989 Allyson Wonderland Publications listed twelve books for adults. Among the twelve was *The First Gay Pope*, price \$8.00. It was described as follows: “Everyone from trivia buffs to news reporters will enjoy this new reference book, which records hundreds of achievements, records and firsts for the lesbian and gay community. What was the first lesbian novel by a woman? Where was the first gay civil rights law passed? For the first time, they are all in one entertaining, well-indexed volume.”

Following that list was an order blank for Alyson Publications, which stated, “After June 30, 1994, please write for current catalog.”

Coincidence? Consider the Time-line!

From **1989 – 1991**, perhaps longer, according to the statement on the order blank, the Allyson Wonderland Publications of lifestyle books were for sale in bookstores and by the publisher. In **1992** School librarians were urged to acquire alternate-lifestyle-affirming titles, periodicals and other materials. Teachers were asked to initiate lifestyle discussions and new terminology. That was the subject of the “School is not a Gay Place to Be” major workshop at Georgia School Counselors Association 1992 Annual Fall Conference.

1999 The video “It’s Elementary talking about gay issues in school,” (a) aired on Georgia Public TV, (b) was used in public and private schools and teacher training to (b) show how to introduce alternate lifestyles to students, (c) regardless of law or religion or values of students.

Teacher’s declaration: New York Public School 87 fourth grade teacher says there’s no right or wrong in the discussion.

Students led to exhibit: Cambridge, Massachusetts, Peabody Elementary Public School led entire classes to this exhibit – “Love Makes a Family: Living in Lesbian and Gay Families.”

Guest speakers lead class in lifestyle discussion: Teachers turned social studies and science classes over to a lesbian and a male homosexual to discuss/answer lifestyle questions.

Gay Pride Day: Cambridge Friends School, a *Quaker School in Massachusetts* celebrated its 4th annual gay pride day. Students and teachers wore pink triangle pins to support lifestyles.

¹ “About the Author” in the back of the book credited her as follows: “Author Leslea Newman has one mommy, one daddy, one grandma and two brothers.... Leslea now lives in Massachusetts with a woman she loves named Mary.”

² *Publisher’s Weekly* reported, “This picture book is an auspicious beginning to the Alyson Wonderland imprint. Willhoit’s text is suitably straightforward ... easily accessible to the intended audience.”

³ *Wisconsin Light* reported, Willhoit’s illustrations, along with the minimal text, convey the many varieties of families that exist today in words and images children can easily grasp.”

⁴ *Off Our Backs* said: “This book rings very true. Russell Crocker illustrations ... contain much sensitivity and scope.”

⁵ *Bloomsbury Review* reported, “This title, with its multicultural cast of characters, its fresh line illustrations, and its emphasis on compassion rather than persuasion ... should be in the library of any child with gay or lesbian parents.”

None Dare Call It Education

The documented account of how education “reforms” are undermining academics and traditional values.

– John A. Stormer¹, Liberty Bell Press, Copyright 1998

Excerpts from the Introduction

“If every parent in America knew what was really going on in the public schools, there would be a revolution.”

– Thomas Sowell, Nationally Syndicated Columnist

In 1954 the 83rd Congress Special Committee to Investigate Tax-Exempt Foundations stated:

“Theoretically a society could be completely made over in something like 15 years, the time it takes to inculcate a new culture into a rising crop of youngsters.”

“Consider how America has changed. In 1960 a radio or TV station was in danger of losing its operating license from the FCC if it permitted the words ‘hell’ or ‘damn’ to go out over the airwaves...prayer and Bible reading were permitted in America’s schools...it was safe to walk even big city streets at night...there was no drug problem or X-rated, R-rated, or PG movies...there were no coed dorms on college campuses or army barracks, no birth control pills (they were introduced in May 1960) and no legalized abortions....”

“Educational goals and what is taught and how it is taught have changed in the last 65² years. It was done by ‘reformers’ who over 65 years ago said they would use the schools to produce ‘a new social order.’”

“In Chapter 1³ you’ll read how children across America, instead of being taught to spell, are encouraged to use ‘inventive spelling’ *and parents are instructed not to correct them.* (Emphasis in original) ‘Educators’ say spelling isn’t necessary because ‘spell-check’ on computers will do the work. And you’ll read how official state Outcome-Based Education guidelines instruct teachers to encourage children to guess at words and meanings from pictures printed with the stories *rather than teaching them to sound out words phonetically.* (Emphasis in original) You’ll learn that ‘new math books’ tell students that math isn’t too important anymore because computers do the work and then instruct them to ‘guess and check’ until they get ‘right’ answers.”

Chapter 2⁴ details how the Illinois State Board of Education had 61 high schools test 11th-grade students about sexual activities. After the question named the bodily orifices that could possibly be used for sexual activity, students were asked to choose which sexual contact is least-likely or most-likely to (a) expose people to HIV or (b) avoid pregnancy, HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases. The test did not give students any opportunity to choose abstinence or answer “None of the above.” (Emphasis in original)

¹ John Stormer’s four books – *None Dare Call it Treason*, *The Anatomy of a Smear*, *The Death of a Nation*, *Growing Up God’s Way* – had sold over 10-million copies by 1998, when he published this one. Trained as an engineer Stormer (1928-2018), a Korean War Air Force veteran, was editor of an electrical magazine when he awakened to the twin dangers of communism and humanism in the 1950s. After leaving that position, he was a researcher, writer, Christian school superintendent and pastor. For 23 years he taught a weekly Bible study for legislators in the Missouri Capitol.

² 65 years was calculated in 1998. So, add another 25 years to 65 years to calculate the decline to be 90 years now.

³ Entitled, “What are Schools Doing to Our Children Academically”

⁴ Entitled, “What are Schools Doing to Our Children Morally?” *None Dare Call It Education* has 12 chapters, plus a resource guide, references and index in its 207 pages.