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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH POLICIES FOR PURCHASES BY PUBLIC LIBRARIES
3 AND FOR THE USE OF PUBLIC LIBRARY FACILITIES.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 Section 1. Article 14 of Chapter 153A of the General Statutes is amended by
6 adding a new section to read:

7 "**§ 153A-273. Library policies.**

8 The following policies shall be followed in the purchase of library materials,
9 electronic information media and other materials by public libraries and in the use of
10 public library facilities:

11 (1) Books and other library resources shall be provided for the interest,
12 information, and enlightenment of all people in the community that the
13 public library serves. Materials may not be excluded because of the
14 origin, background, or views of those contributing to their creation.

15 (2) Public libraries shall provide materials and information presenting
16 diverse points of view on current and historical issues. Materials
17 selected and purchased in accordance with accepted library policies
18 and standards may not be proscribed or removed because of partisan or
19 doctrinal disapproval.

20 (3) A person's right to use a public library may not be denied or abridged
21 on the basis of race, religion, color, creed, national origin, sex, age,
22 handicapping condition, background, or views."

23 Sec. 2. This act becomes effective October 1, 1991.