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117TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

To prohibit States and local educational agencies that ban books from receiving funds under the Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grants program.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**A BILL**

To prohibit States and local educational agencies that ban books from receiving funds under the Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grants program.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Guarding Readers  
5 Independence and Choice Act”, or the “GRINCH Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. LOSS OF ELIGIBILITY FOR BANNING BOOKS.**

7 Subpart 1 of part A of title IV of the Elementary  
8 and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7111

1 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following  
2 new section:

3 **“SEC. 4113. LIMITATION ON ELIGIBILITY.**

4       “(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other pro-  
5 vision of this subpart, except as provided in subsection (b),  
6 a State or local educational agency that has in place any  
7 law or policy that prohibits the availability of books or  
8 other written materials to students, teachers, or schools  
9 within such State or local educational agency based on a  
10 determination that such books or materials contain offen-  
11 sive or outdated language or images shall not be eligible  
12 to receive funds under this subpart.

13       “(b) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-  
14 tion shall be construed to prohibit a State or local edu-  
15 cational agency from prohibiting the availability of books  
16 or other written materials that contain obscene or porno-  
17 graphic text or images or content that is harmful to mi-  
18 nors.”.