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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 644, L.D. 1008, “An Act to Establish a Rating System for Books in School Libraries”

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

**'Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §4710-C** is enacted to read:

**§4710-C. Content rating of books and written materials**

**1. Content rating requirements.** A school administrative unit or public charter school under chapter 112 may not distribute or place in a school library a book or other written material that is not assigned a standard content rating as provided by this subsection. The school administrative unit or public charter school shall affix to the front cover of the book or written material a label indicating its assigned content rating.

A. The school administrative unit or public charter school shall assign the content rating "BK-G" to a book or written material that is intended for all ages. Content with this rating may contain little or no profanity or violent or sexual themes.

B. The school administrative unit or public charter school shall assign the content rating "BK-PG" to a book or written material that is intended to be read by young children only with the guidance of an adult. Content with this rating may contain sexual dialogue or situations, infrequent profanity and moderate violence.

C. The school administrative unit or public charter school shall assign the content rating "BK-13" to a book or written material that is intended to be read by children 13 years of age or older. Content with this rating may contain intensely sexual dialogue or situations, profanity and intense violence.

D. The school administrative unit or public charter school shall assign the content rating "BK-MA" to a book or written material that is intended for persons 18 years of age or older. Content with this rating may contain explicit depictions of sexuality, strong profanity and graphic violence.

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

