

## After Florida Leads Country In Public School Book Bans, Gov. Ron DeSantis Signs Bill To Limit Them,

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Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis (R-Florida) signed an education bill restricting objections to public school library books.

This new legislation, which DeSantis signed on April 16, would enforce a limit of one objection to a book every month for people who do not have children in a given school district.

People with children in a district will continue to be granted unlimited challenges to library books.

On April 16, PEN America, a free speech organization advocating against book bans, released a report stating that Florida faced the highest number of book ban cases, with 3,135 bans across 11 school districts.

The new law alters the legislation DeSantis signed in 2022, which increased public participation in reviewing school materials and encouraged unlimited challenges to books in school libraries across Florida.

He signed additional legislation in 2023 that expanded restrictions on how information regarding sex and gender is taught in schools, including how parents might be against explicit or inappropriate materials.



*“Satanism refers to a group of religious, ideological and/or philosophical beliefs based on Satan (also called Lucifer) – particularly the worship or veneration of him. Satan is a figure of the devil in Christian belief, a fallen angel, and leader of the devils who tempts humans into sin.”* Wikipedia