

How Illinois is trying to ban book bans

Illinois has become the first state to ban book bans.

Gov. J.B. Pritzker signed into law Monday a first-of-its-kind bill that he says outlaws book bans from public schools and libraries, The Associated Press reported.

The bill, which would cut funding for any public library that bans books for “partisan or doctrinal” reasons, goes into effect Jan. 1, 2024.

“Today, Illinois makes history as the first state in our nation to officially end book bans once and for all,” Pritzker wrote in a tweet Monday.

Pritzker signed the bill into law at a children’s library in Chicago where he stated that “book bans are about censorship, marginalizing people, marginalizing ideas and facts.”

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