

Resolution - Defund Porn

WHEREAS, Pornography is **funded by tax dollars** in schools and libraries and on state and municipal funded devices. “Defund” is an **effective strategy** that has been utilized in Texas to fight the **abortion** and **porn** industry attacks in Texas **public schools**.

- In 2015, Representative Molly White passed an [amendment](#) to [Appropriations](#) to require **Title V federal funds** to only be used for programs that comply with Sexual Risk Avoidance principles. This amendment has been included in every budget since the 84th Session.
https://www.lbb.texas.gov/Documents/GAA/General_Appropriations_Act_2022_2023.pdf#page=193
- In 2019, Senator Campbell passed Texas 86R SB 22 adding Texas Government Code Chapter 2273 to **prohibit taxpayer resource transactions with abortion providers and affiliates**. Since Planned Parenthood is the largest sex education provider in the nation and internationally, Texas’ ban on abortion providers and affiliates 1) prohibited physical and digital purchases of the curricula from publishers including ETR Associates, 2) blocked donations of such materials, and 3) prohibited the physical presence of personnel on campuses.
<https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/GV/htm/GV.2273.htm>
- Representative Swanson proposed unsuccessful legislation in 2019, 2021, and 2023 to **require CIPA compliance for online database resources** sourced through TSLAC contracts in the TexQuest program. The compliance requirement would essentially defund database vendors that do not filter content for obscenity. In 2021 and 2023, Representative Swanson passed an amendment to Appropriations to require this compliance in Article I. Both sessions, the amendment was removed in conference.
- In 2021, Representative Swanson passed an amendment to Appropriations to **require CIPA compliance** for vendors of instructional materials. The SBOE misinterpreted this rider and passed a rule to require districts to report to the TEA that they are CIPA compliant even though the databases, that are considered safe sites using their network filters, are full of porn.

WHEREAS, Texas 86R SB 22 created Texas Government Code 2273 Prohibit Transactions and established definitions that are effective to **defund abortion providers** for sound **stewardship of tax dollars** and to **protect children**:

- **“Affiliate”** means “a person or entity who enters into with another person or entity a legal relationship created or governed by at least one written instrument, including a certificate of formation, a franchise agreement, standards of affiliation, bylaws, or a license, that demonstrates: common ownership, management, or control between the parties to the relationship; A franchise granted by the person or entity to the affiliate; or The granting or extension of a license or other agreement authorizing the affiliate to use the other person’s or entity’s brand name, trademark, service mark, or other registered identification mark.”
- **“Taxpayer resource transaction”** means “...a sale, purchase, lease, donation of money, goods, services, or real property, or any other transaction between a governmental entity and a private entity that provides to the private entity something of value derived from state or local tax revenue, regardless of whether the governmental entity receives something of value in return... The term includes advocacy or lobby by or on behalf of a governmental entity on behalf of the interests of an abortion provider or affiliate.”

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the state of Texas _____ party should adopt a plank on Defund Porn:

Plank xxx. Defund Porn. The State of Texas has the authority to and should regulate how federal funds are used that pass through the Texas state budget such as Title V funding. Texas legislature should codify federal statute similar to Children’s Internet Protection Act into Texas law. The State of Texas regulatory bodies should not contract with vendors that refuse to filter content to protect children from objectional material. The State of Texas can and should require school districts to only contract with vendors that filter content to protect children from harmful materials.

A copy of this resolution should be sent to the _____ County/Senate District # _____ Convention Resolutions Committee from Precinct # _____ with the recommendation that it be passed and sent to the State Convention Platform Committee of the _____ Party of Texas.