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Pro-Family Women Commends Gov. Youngkin's Signing of Pro-Parental Rights Bill

Arlington, Virginia – This week Virginia's Governor, Glenn Youngkin, signed into law key parental rights [legislation](#) that would require a child's parent be notified beforehand if their child's school instructional material includes sexually explicit content. Alternative material must be offered, if the parent so requests. The Virginia Department of Education will develop model policies to effectuate this.

Susan Muskett, President of Pro-Family Women, said: **"Pro-Family Women applauds Governor Youngkin's leadership in making this parental rights bill a priority for his administration. It is mindboggling that some would oppose alerting parents to school instructional material that contains sexually-explicit content that even Virginia's state employees are not allowed to view on state computers."**

The definition of "sexually explicit content" found in [SB 656](#) is the same definition as is currently found in the Code of Virginia at Section [2.2-2827](#), which prohibits state employees from viewing "sexually explicit content" using agency-owned or agency-leased computer equipment.

This parental rights legislation was a priority for Gov. Youngkin as it was part of his ["Day One Game Plan Legislative Agenda"](#) that was released in January.

Virginians support parents having a say in their children's education. The 2021 Virginia [CNN Exit Poll](#), conducted by Edison Research, found that the majority of Virginia's voters supported parents having "a lot" of say in what schools teach.

The Catholic Church teaches that *"The role of parents in education is of such importance that it is almost impossible to provide an adequate substitute."* The right and the duty of parents to educate their children are primordial and inalienable." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2221).

Pro-Family Women promotes the values of faithful Catholic women in proclaiming the truth about human life and family.

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