



DO YOU KNOW SB 13 ?

Wondering what SB 13 means for your district? This FAQ answers key questions about how Bookmarked's OnShelf platform simplifies SB 13 compliance for Texas schools and ESCs.

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For Independent School Districts (ISDs)

Q: What is SB 13, and why is it important?

A: SB 13 is legislation that will significantly change how library materials are managed and selected in Texas public schools. The Act is scheduled to begin with the 2025-2026 school year and will take effect immediately if it passes with a two-thirds vote in each house, or on September 1, 2025, otherwise. It shifts more control to school boards and parents and introduces new content standards. The bill also mandates the establishment of local school library advisory councils, revises material acquisition and challenge processes, enhances parental access to information (including access to library records and usage records), and reinforces CIPA compliance. Districts are required to adopt the TEA model policy for material acquisition, adhere to TSLAC standards for collection development, and implement policies prohibiting defined content. It's crucial to prepare now for these comprehensive requirements, which include updating collection development policies by the first day of the 2025-2026 school year, to avoid scrambling for compliance later



Q: How can OnShelf help my ISD with SB 13?

A: OnShelf is an AI-powered platform that automates manual reviews of library materials, provides objective data on book content, and helps districts align collections with state requirements and community values. This data and automation can be invaluable in supporting compliance with new policy requirements, including adopting the TEA model acquisition policy, adhering to TSLAC collection development standards, and implementing policies prohibiting defined content, the material acquisition process requiring 30-day public review and board approval, and the material challenge process that includes temporary restriction and a 90-day board review period. It helps with compliance, saves time and money, and empowers informed decision-making for administrators, librarians, school boards, and advisory councils

Q: Is there a cost for OnShelf?

A: Bookmarked is offering ISDs FREE access to OnShelf until September 30, 2025, as a limited-time pilot offer to prepare for SB 13.



Q: Why should we choose Bookmarked over other solutions?

A: Bookmarked is a Texas-based company with a deep understanding of Texas districts' needs. Bookmarked is trusted by over 100 school districts across the state and has 2.3 million books on our platform. Co-founded by a Texas superintendent, Bookmarked is the SB 13 expert you need to help build a solution that meets all your needs.

Q: What are the benefits of getting OnShelf now?

A: Getting OnShelf now allows you to get training and onboard the system during the less chaotic summer months, avoid the last-minute rush for compliance with requirements effective for the Act's likely effective date (September 1, 2025) and the 2025-2026 school year, and help protect your district from potential negative publicity due to challenged books.

Q: How do we get started?

A: Sign up for your FREE OnShelf trial today. It's streamlined – just sign standard agreements (MSA and DSA) – no purchase order required for the free trial. We can begin onboarding immediately.



For Education Service Centers (ESCs)

Q: Why should my ESC recommend OnShelf to ISDs?

A: OnShelf provides a timely and critical solution to help ISDs navigate the complexities of SB 13 and its mandated structural and procedural changes. It allows ESCs to position themselves as proactive leaders by offering valuable support and tools.

Q: What is the value of offering FREE OnShelf access to ISDs?

A: Offering free access until September 30, 2025, allows ISDs to prepare proactively for the 2025-2026 compliance deadline, get early training, and avoid last-minute scrambles. This builds trust and strengthens the ESC's role as a supportive partner.

Q: How does Bookmarked support ESCs in this process?

A: Bookmarked provides a streamlined process for getting districts started quickly. They offer pre-drafted email templates, a comprehensive ESC Partner Program Kit with resources, and support in making introductions to district leadership.



Q: Why is Bookmarked the right partner for ESCs?

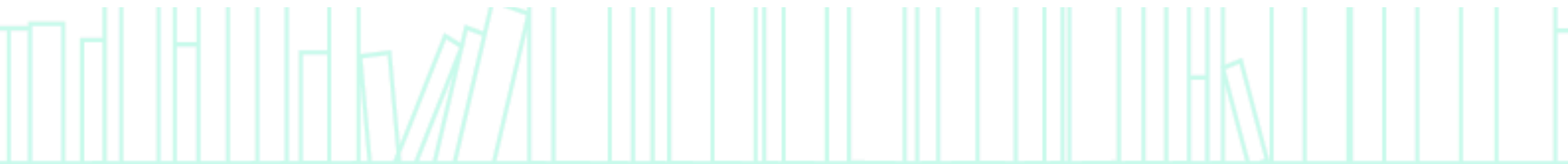
A: Bookmarked is a Texas-based company with a deep understanding of the needs of Texas districts. They are already partnered with other ESCs and are uniquely positioned to address SB 13 requirements.

Q: What tangible benefits does OnShelf offer to districts?

A: OnShelf helps districts navigate compliance related to collection development, material review, and challenge processes, saves valuable librarian time and district funds, supports student literacy, and protects districts from potential controversy.

Q: How can we help our districts get started with OnShelf?

A: Schedule a quick call with Bookmarked to discuss offering free OnShelf access. Access the ESC Partner Program Kit and start making introductions to district leadership.



Overall Value Proposition:

- SB 13 Readiness: OnShelf helps districts prepare proactively for the new legislation and its specific requirements regarding adopting the TEA model policy for material acquisition, adhering to TSLAC standards for collection development, implementing policies prohibiting defined content, acquisition, and challenges.
- AI-Powered Solution: On Shelf enhances manual reviews and provides data-driven insights to support compliance and decision-making by boards and advisory councils.
- Texas Expertise: Bookmarked is a Texas-based company with a deep understanding of Texas district needs.
- Time & Cost Savings: Reduces librarian time and district labor costs by automating content review. Districts may also be able to use funds from their instructional materials and technology allotment for compliance costs
- Controversy Protection: Helps protect districts from negative publicity by providing data and facilitating policy alignment.
- Free Early Access: Available until September 30, 2025, as a limited-time pilot offer.
- Easy Onboarding: Streamlined process for getting started.
- Strong Partnership: Bookmarked offers support and resources for both ISDs and ESCs

