

HB 2677 -- ADMISSIBILITY OF EVIDENCE OF CREATIVE OR ARTISTIC  
EXPRESSION

SPONSOR: Johnson

This bill establishes the "Restoring Artistic Protection Act of 2026", which specifies that, subject to exceptions provided in the bill, evidence of a defendant's creative or artistic expression, as defined in the bill, whether original or derivative, is not admissible against the defendant in a criminal case except under certain circumstances.

If the court admits any such evidence, the court must ensure that the expression is redacted in a manner to limit the evidence presented to the jury and the court must provide appropriate limiting instructions to the jury.

This bill is similar to HB 1040; and HB 2923 (2025).