

Bill Summary
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Bill Analysis

The CS for SB 1142 prohibits public school districts, public charter schools, and public-school libraries from maintaining in their inventory or promoting books that make as their primary subject the study of sex, sexual lifestyles, or sexual activity, or books that are of a controversial nature that a reasonable parent or legal guardian would want to know about or approve of before their child is exposed to it. The bill allows a parent or legal guardian of a student who believes a book is in violation of the bill's prohibitions to submit a written request to the school district superintendent or charter school administrator to remove the book. It requires the school district superintendent or charter school administrator within 30 days of receiving a request to either remove the book or provide the parent or legal guardian with a written explanation for denying the request. If a written request to remove a book is denied, the bill states that a parent or legal guardian has a cause of action against a school district or charter school. It states that if a court determines the book is of a nature that a parent or legal guardian would want to know of or approve of it prior to a child being exposed to it, the court may grant injunctive relief by ordering the removal of the book from the school district, charter school, or school library.

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