

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 3250

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to the Parents' Bill of Rights; amending 25 O.S. 2021, Section 2003, which relates to parental involvement in schools; allowing parent to appeal denial of a request for information; authorizing State Board of Education to establish a standard appeals process; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 25 O.S. 2021, Section 2003, is amended to read as follows:

Section 2003. A. The board of education of a school district, in consultation with parents, teachers, and administrators, shall develop and adopt a policy to promote the involvement of parents and guardians of children enrolled in the schools within the school district, including:

1. A plan for parent participation in the schools which is designed to improve parent and teacher cooperation in such areas as homework, attendance and discipline;

1 2. Procedures by which parents may learn about the course of
2 study for their children and review learning materials, including
3 the source of any supplemental educational materials;

4 3. Procedures by which parents who object to any learning
5 material or activity on the basis that it is harmful may withdraw
6 their children from the activity or from the class or program in
7 which the material is used. Objection to a learning material or
8 activity on the basis that it is harmful includes objection to a
9 material or activity because it questions beliefs or practices in
10 sex, morality or religion;

11 4. If a school district offers any sex education curricula
12 pursuant to Section 11-105.1 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes or
13 pursuant to any rules adopted by the State Board of Education,
14 procedures to opt out of a school district from providing sex
15 education instruction to a child if the child's parent provides
16 written objection to the child's participation in the sex education
17 curricula;

18 5. Procedures by which parents will be notified in advance of
19 and given the opportunity to withdraw their children from any
20 instruction or presentations regarding sexuality in courses other
21 than formal sex education curricula pursuant to Section 11-105.1 of
22 Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

23 6. Procedures by which parents may learn about the nature and
24 purpose of clubs and activities that are part of the school
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1 curriculum, as well as extracurricular clubs and activities that
2 have been approved by the school; and

3 7. Procedures by which parents may learn about parental rights
4 and responsibilities under the laws of this state, including the
5 following:

- 6 a. the right to opt out of a sex education curriculum if
7 one is provided by the school district,
- 8 b. open enrollment rights,
- 9 c. the right to opt out of assignments pursuant to this
10 section,
- 11 d. the right to be exempt from the immunization laws of
12 the state pursuant to Section 1210.192 of Title 70 of
13 the Oklahoma Statutes,
- 14 e. the promotion requirements prescribed in Section
15 1210.508E of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes,
- 16 f. the minimum course of study and competency
17 requirements for graduation from high school
18 prescribed in Section 11-103.6 of Title 70 of the
19 Oklahoma Statutes,
- 20 g. the right to opt out of instruction on the acquired
21 immune deficiency syndrome pursuant to Section 11-
22 103.3 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes,
- 23 h. the right to review test results,

- 1 i. the right to participate in gifted programs pursuant
2 to Sections 1210.301 through 1210.308 of Title 70 of
3 the Oklahoma Statutes,
4 j. the right to inspect instructional materials used in
5 connection with any research or experimentation
6 program or project pursuant to Section 11-106 of Title
7 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes,
8 k. the right to receive a school report card,
9 l. the attendance requirements prescribed in Section 10-
10 106 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes,
11 m. the right to public review of courses of study and
12 textbooks,
13 n. the right to be excused from school attendance for
14 religious purposes,
15 o. policies related to parental involvement pursuant to
16 this section,
17 p. the right to participate in parent-teacher
18 associations and organizations that are sanctioned by
19 the board of education of a school district, and
20 q. the right to opt out of any data collection instrument
21 at the district level that would capture data for
22 inclusion in the state longitudinal student data
23 system except what is necessary and essential for
24 establishing a student's public school record.
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1 B. The board of education of a school district may adopt a
2 policy to provide to parents the information required by this
3 section in an electronic form.

4 C. A parent shall submit a written request for information
5 pursuant to this section during regular business hours to either the
6 school principal at the school site or the superintendent of the
7 school district at the office of the school district. Within ten
8 (10) days of receiving the request for information, the school
9 principal or the superintendent of the school district shall either
10 deliver the requested information to the parent or submit to the
11 parent a written explanation of the reasons for the denial of the
12 requested information. If the request for information is denied or
13 the parent does not receive the requested information within fifteen
14 (15) days after submitting the request for information, the parent
15 may submit a written request for the information to the board of
16 education of a school district, which shall formally consider the
17 request at the next scheduled public meeting of the board if the
18 request can be properly noticed on the agenda. If the request
19 cannot be properly noticed on the agenda, the board of education of
20 a school district shall formally consider the request at the next
21 subsequent public meeting of the board.

22 D. A parent may appeal a school district's denial of a request
23 for information outlined in this section to the State Board of
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1 Education through a standard appeals process established by the
2 Board.

3 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2024.

4 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
5 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
6 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
7 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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