Bill Summary

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Bill Analysis

SB 1981 creates the Oklahoma Sexual Education Reform and Parental Rights Protection Act. The measure modifies the Parents' Bill of Rights to require written consent from a parent for a child to opt in to comprehensive sexual education or sexual risk reduction instruction or optimal sexual health education or sexual risk avoidance instruction, rather than requiring written consent to opt out. The bill directs the written notification provided to parents and legal guardians regarding sex education to inform them of their right to inspect a detailed outline of the curriculum. It requires a comprehensive sexual education or sexual risk reduction class or program or an optimal sexual health education or sexual risk avoidance class or program to only be taught by a certified teacher; it prohibits outside organizations, including health departments, from leading such a class or program. It also allows only textbooks and instructional materials approved by the State Textbook Committee to be used in the instruction.

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