

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 1495

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to schools; creating the Age-Appropriate Materials Act; providing short title; stating legislative findings; defining terms; prohibiting public school districts and charter schools from purchasing, housing, distributing, or making available certain materials to students; requiring adoption of policies to ensure certain compliance; requiring school districts and charter schools to audit certain materials and resources by certain date annually and remove certain materials and resources; requiring maintenance of certain inventory; directing the State Board of Education, in certain collaboration, to develop and adopt certain standards; requiring the standards to include certain provisions; allowing certain board of education or governing body to adopt more restrictive policies; establishing process for submission and consideration of a formal challenge regarding violations of standards; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 11-200 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Age-Appropriate Materials Act".

1 B. The Legislature finds that:

2 1. Public schools exist to provide a safe learning environment
3 for children;

4 2. No child should be exposed to sexually explicit, profane, or
5 indecent content;

6 3. Public school administrators, educators, and employees
7 entrusted with the care of children must be held accountable for
8 knowingly allowing sexually explicit, profane, or indecent content
9 to be housed, distributed, or made accessible to students; and

10 4. The provisions of this act are necessary to protect the
11 health, safety, and morals of students in this state.

12 C. As used in this section:

13 1. "Harmful to minors" has the same meaning as provided in
14 Section 1040.75 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

15 2. "Library" means a school library or media program, a
16 classroom library, or any other collection of books or other print
17 or digital materials that are maintained by a school district or its
18 employees for use by students and that do not qualify as textbooks
19 under the authority of the State Textbook Committee;

20 3. "Nudity" has the same meaning as provided in Section 1040.75
21 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

22 4. "Obscene" has the same meaning as provided in Section 1024.1
23 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

1 5. "Sexual conduct" means sexual contact, actual or simulated
2 sexual intercourse, deviate sexual intercourse, rape, sexual
3 bestiality, masturbation, sado-masochistic abuse, incest,
4 molestation, necrophilia, or lewd exhibition of the genitals, anus,
5 or any portion of the female breast below the top of the areola; and

6 6. "Sexually explicit content" means any communication,
7 language, or material including a written description, illustration,
8 photographic image, video image, or audio file that describes,
9 depicts, or portrays sexual conduct, actual or simulated sexual
10 intercourse, deviate sexual intercourse, rape, sexual bestiality,
11 masturbation, sado-masochistic abuse, incest, molestation,
12 necrophilia, or lewd exhibition of the genitals, anus, or any
13 portion of the female breast below the top of the areola.

14 D. No public school district or public charter school in this
15 state shall purchase, house, approve, distribute, or make available
16 to students any print or nonprint materials or multimedia resources
17 containing or depicting obscene material, sexual conduct, sexually
18 explicit content, nudity, or material that is harmful to minors.

19 E. The board of education of each public school district and
20 the governing body of each public charter school shall adopt
21 policies to ensure compliance with the provisions of this act
22 including, but not limited to, policies that:

23 1. Provide for the identification and removal of any print or
24 nonprint materials or multimedia resources currently housed,

1 displayed, or accessible to students that contain or depict obscene
2 material, sexual conduct, sexually explicit content, nudity, or
3 material that is harmful to minors no later than March 1, 2027;

4 2. Establish procedures to review existing print and nonprint
5 library materials, multimedia resources, and classroom library
6 materials prior to acquisition of new materials to prevent the
7 inclusion of material containing or depicting obscene material,
8 sexual conduct, sexually explicit content, nudity, or material that
9 is harmful to minors; and

10 3. Provide for the maintenance of documentation showing
11 compliance with the provisions of this act, which shall be made
12 available to the State Department of Education upon request.

13 F. By August 15 each year, each public school district and
14 public charter school in this state shall audit print and nonprint
15 materials and multimedia resources located in a school library,
16 classroom library, or elsewhere on the premises of the school
17 district or charter school and remove any material or resource
18 containing or depicting obscene material, sexual conduct, sexually
19 explicit content, nudity, or material that is harmful to minors.

20 Beginning September 8, 2027, each school district and charter school
21 shall maintain and make available for public inspection an inventory
22 of all print and nonprint materials and multimedia resources located
23 in a school library, classroom library, or elsewhere on the premises
24 of the school district or charter school.

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 11-200.1 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The State Board of Education, in collaboration with the Oklahoma Department of Libraries, shall develop and adopt standards for public school district and public charter school library media programs. The standards shall govern the acquisition, cataloging, display, and availability of print and nonprint materials and multimedia resources and shall include:

1. A requirement that a school district or charter school library media specialist or librarian review the standards upon hiring; and

2. A library collection policy that:

a. prohibits the possession, acquisition, display, or purchase of print and nonprint materials and multimedia resources that:

(1) contain or depict obscene material, sexual conduct, sexually explicit content, nudity, or material that is harmful to minors, and

(2) refers a person, by printed or digital means, to a website containing or depicting obscene material, sexual conduct, nudity, or material that is harmful to minors,

- 1 b. recognizes that obscene material is not protected
2 under the First Amendment to the United States
3 Constitution,
- 4 c. applies to all library materials available for use or
5 display including, but not limited to, print and
6 nonprint materials and multimedia resources contained
7 in school libraries, classroom libraries, classroom
8 reading collections, electronic catalogs, mobile
9 library applications, and any other platform
10 accessible to students,
- 11 d. requires school districts and charter schools to
12 provide an online library catalog that is accessible
13 to the general public, and
- 14 e. except as provided for in subsection C of this
15 section, prohibits the removal of a print or nonprint
16 material or multimedia resource based solely on:
- 17 (1) the viewpoint or ideas contained in the material
18 or resource, or
- 19 (2) the personal background or characteristics of the
20 author or characters within the material or
21 resource.

22 B. The board of education of a public school district or the
23 governing body of a public charter school may adopt policies that
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1 are more restrictive than the standards adopted pursuant to
2 subsection A of this section.

3 C. 1. The parent or legal guardian of a student enrolled in a
4 public school district or public charter school, a resident of a
5 public school district or a public school district served by a
6 public charter school, or a taxpayer in this state may submit a
7 formal challenge regarding suspected violations of the standards
8 adopted pursuant to subsection A of this section.

9 2. A formal challenge shall be submitted to the principal of
10 the school site in which the challenged material or resource is
11 located. Upon receipt of a formal challenge, the principal shall
12 immediately remove the material or resource from school premises.
13 The principal shall notify the superintendent of the school district
14 or charter school of the challenge and removal within three (3)
15 business days.

16 3. The superintendent of the school district or charter school
17 shall:

- 18 a. permanently remove the material or resource if it is
19 deemed to contain or depict obscene material, sexual
20 conduct, sexually explicit content, nudity, or
21 material that is harmful to minors. The
22 superintendent shall notify the board of education of
23 the school district or the governing body of the
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1 charter school within one (1) business day of
2 permanently removing the material or resource, or
3 b. deny the formal challenge and notify the board of
4 education of the school district or the governing body
5 of the charter school within one (1) business day of
6 such denial.

7 4. If the superintendent of the school district or charter
8 school denies the formal challenge, the board of education of the
9 school district or the governing body of the charter school shall
10 hold a public meeting within thirty (30) business days of issuance
11 of the denial to determine whether to uphold or overturn the denial.
12 Notice of the public meeting shall be posted five (5) days in
13 advance of the meeting. The meeting shall allow a minimum of forty-
14 five (45) minutes for public comment.

15 5. If the board of education of a school district or the
16 governing body of a charter school upholds a denial of a formal
17 challenge pursuant to paragraph 4 of this subsection, a person
18 aggrieved by such decision may bring a civil action against the
19 school district or charter school to recover such relief as may be
20 appropriate.

21 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2026.

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