Bill Summary

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Bill Analysis

SB 1282 modifies the Parents' Bill of Rights. It clarifies the right to access and review medical records, regardless of whether they are held by the state, any political subdivision, or any other governmental or nongovernmental entity. The measure requires written parental consent to opt in to sex education instruction and adds the right of the public to review library books and materials used in the classroom or any other school room. It directs school district boards of education to adopt a policy to make available for public inspection printed copies of certain information including the board of education's policy manual and any parent or student handbook. It requires school district boards of education to adopt procedures for a parent to submit concerns regarding procedures and practices adopted to implement the Parents' Bill of Rights.

The measure provides procedures for instances when a school district has not resolved a parent's concerns. The bill prohibits a school district employee without proper professional licensure from performing an assessment of the physical, mental, or psychological needs of a minor without written parental consent. It requires school district boards of education to adopt procedures to notify a parent of changes to any services provided to a child and changes to the name or pronoun used for a child. The bill also modifies language regarding sex education to require written parental consent for a student to participate.

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