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Bill Analysis

SB 348 requires school district boards of education and school district administration to be responsible for the content of all instructional materials and other materials used or made available in a classroom or classroom library. The measure requires school district boards of education to adopt a policy outlining the procedures for the processing and resolution of objections to the use of specific instructional materials. It requires instructional materials subject to an objection to be removed within 5 school days and remain unavailable until the objection is resolved. It allows parents or legal guardians of students enrolled in the district or residents of the school district to read passages from any instructional material subject to an objection. The bill requires school district boards of education to establish a procedure through which the parent or legal guardian of a student enrolled in the district or a resident of the school district may contest the board of education's adoption of a specific instructional material. The measure also modifies the duties of review teams designated by the State Textbook Committee and requires textbooks selected by the State Textbook Committee to be free from pornographic or obscene material.

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