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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to schools; creating the Oklahoma Sexual Education Reform and Parental Rights Protection Act; providing short title; defining terms; amending 25 O.S. 2021, Section 2003, which relates to the Parents' Bill of Rights; requiring written consent to provide certain sexual education instruction to a student; requiring a school district board of education to adopt procedures to provide notification and require written consent prior to providing certain instruction; updating statutory language; amending 70 O.S. 2021, Section 11-105.1, which relates to sex education curriculum and materials; requiring written consent from a parent or legal guardian for a student to participate in certain instruction; requiring certain information to be available on a school district's website; requiring written notification to include certain information; requiring certain classes or programs to only be taught by a certified teacher; prohibiting certain organizations from leading certain class or program; requiring only certain textbooks and instructional materials to be used in certain class or program; prohibiting the use of certain funds to purchase textbooks or materials not included on certain list; providing for codification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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 11-105.2 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

1 A. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Oklahoma
2 Sexual Education Reform and Parental Rights Protection Act".

3 B. As used in this act:

4 1. "Comprehensive sexual education" or "sexual risk reduction"
5 means any educational program that includes, endorses, or promotes
6 any of the following:

7 a. the advocacy of sexual activity outside of marriage,

8 b. the advocacy or promotion of any form of sexual

9 activity that deviates from the understanding of

10 sexual norms within a traditional family structure,

11 c. the provision of information about contraceptive

12 methods without emphasizing their potential risks and

13 failure rates,

14 d. the endorsement or promotion of non-heterosexual

15 orientations as equally valid or preferable to

16 heterosexual orientations,

17 e. the teaching of explicit sexual techniques without a

18 focus on abstinence as the preferred choice,

19 f. the inclusion of materials that may be considered

20 obscene or harmful to minors,

21 g. the teaching of gender identity and gender expression

22 outside the binary concept of male and female, without

23 emphasizing the biological basis of sex,

24 h. rights-based, pleasure-based sexual response system,

- i. teaching of consent and negotiation skills for sexual activity,
- j. sexually transmitted infections (STIs) presented as normal or common,
- k. instruction segmented for students of different sexual orientation and gender identity,
- l. abortion presented as a safe, reproductive health care choice and a right, and
- m. the undermining of the parent relationship, knowledge, and relevancy with students encouraged to seek other help; and

2. "Optimal sexual health education" or "sexual risk avoidance" means an educational program that emphasizes the following:

- a. the importance of monogamous, heterosexual relationships within the context of marriage,
- b. the benefits of abstaining from sexual activity,
- c. the physical, psychological, and emotional risks and consequences of engaging in premarital sexual activity,
- d. the importance of personal responsibility and self-discipline,
- e. the positive aspects of healthy relationships including communication skills, mutual respect, and emotional intimacy,

- f. the development of decision-making skills and setting personal boundaries,
- g. the understanding of the potential social, emotional, and physical consequences of early sexual activity,
- h. science-based, health-based information about the reproductive system,
- i. refusal and resistance skills for sexual avoidance,
- j. that sexually transmitted infections (STIs) can cause serious health concerns and can and should be avoided,
- k. information provided and risk avoidance promoted for all students, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity,
- l. that abortion, if discussed, is presented in the context of state law and physical and emotional risks, and
- m. parental involvement, communication, and authority are upheld and family values are supported.

SECTION 2. 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 1. A plan for parent participation in the schools which is
2 designed to improve parent and teacher cooperation in such areas as
3 homework, attendance, and discipline;

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

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

14 4. If a school district offers any sex education curricula
15 pursuant to Section 11-105.1 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes or
16 pursuant to any rules adopted by the State Board of Education,
17 procedures to ~~opt out of a school district from providing sex~~
18 ~~education~~ require written consent from a parent for a child to
19 participate in comprehensive sexual education or sexual risk
20 reduction instruction ~~to a child if the child's parent provides~~
21 ~~written objection to the child's participation in the sex education~~
22 ~~curricula~~ or optimal sexual health education or sexual risk
23 avoidance instruction, as defined in Section 1 of this act;
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1 5. Procedures by which parents will be notified in advance of
2 and given the opportunity to ~~withdraw their children from~~ provide
3 written consent for a child to participate in any instruction or
4 presentations regarding sexuality in courses other than formal ~~sex~~
5 comprehensive sexual education or sexual risk reduction curricula or
6 optimal sexual health education or sexual risk avoidance curricula
7 pursuant to Section 11-105.1 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

8 6. Procedures by which parents may learn about the nature and
9 purpose of clubs and activities that are part of the school
10 curriculum, as well as extracurricular clubs and activities that
11 have been approved by the school; and

12 7. Procedures by which parents may learn about parental rights
13 and responsibilities under the laws of this state, including the
14 following:

- 15 a. the right to opt ~~out of~~ in to a ~~sex~~ comprehensive
16 sexual education or sexual risk reduction curriculum
17 or an optimal sexual health education or sexual risk
18 avoidance curriculum if ~~one~~ such a course or courses
19 is provided by the school district,
- 20 b. open enrollment rights,
- 21 c. the right to opt out of assignments pursuant to this
22 section,
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- d. the right to be exempt from the immunization laws of the state pursuant to Section 1210.192 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes,
- e. the ~~promotion requirements prescribed in Section 1210.508E of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes~~ provisions of the Strong Readers Act,
- f. the minimum course of study and competency requirements for graduation from high school prescribed in Section 11-103.6 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes,
- g. the right to opt out of instruction on the acquired immune deficiency syndrome pursuant to Section 11-103.3 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes,
- h. the right to review test results,
- i. the right to participate in gifted programs pursuant to Sections 1210.301 through 1210.308 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes,
- j. the right to inspect instructional materials used in connection with any research or experimentation program or project pursuant to Section 11-106 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes,
- k. the right to receive a school report card,
- l. the attendance requirements prescribed in Section 10-106 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes,

- m. the right to public review of courses of study and textbooks,
- n. the right to be excused from school attendance for religious purposes,
- o. policies related to parental involvement pursuant to this section,
- p. the right to participate in parent-teacher associations and organizations that are sanctioned by the board of education of a school district, and
- q. the right to opt out of any data collection instrument at the district level that would capture data for inclusion in the state longitudinal student data system except what is necessary and essential for establishing a student's public school record.

B. The board of education of a school district may adopt a policy to provide to parents the information required by this section in an electronic form.

C. A parent shall submit a written request for information pursuant to this section during regular business hours to either the school principal at the school site or the superintendent of the school district at the office of the school district. Within ten (10) days of receiving the request for information, the school principal or the superintendent of the school district shall either deliver the requested information to the parent or submit to the

1 parent a written explanation of the reasons for the denial of the
2 requested information. If the request for information is denied or
3 the parent does not receive the requested information within fifteen
4 (15) days after submitting the request for information, the parent
5 may submit a written request for the information to the board of
6 education of a school district, which shall formally consider the
7 request at the next scheduled public meeting of the board if the
8 request can be properly noticed on the agenda. If the request
9 cannot be properly noticed on the agenda, the board of education of
10 a school district shall formally consider the request at the next
11 subsequent public meeting of the board.

12 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2021, Section 11-105.1, is
13 amended to read as follows:

14 Section 11-105.1. A. All curriculum and materials including
15 supplementary materials which will be used to teach or will be used
16 for or in connection with a ~~sex~~ comprehensive sexual education or
17 sexual risk reduction class or program ~~which is designed for the~~
18 ~~exclusive purpose of discussing sexual behavior or attitudes~~ or an
19 optimal sexual health education or sexual risk avoidance class or
20 program, as defined in Section 1 of this act, or any test, survey or
21 questionnaire whose primary purpose is to elicit responses on sexual
22 behavior or attitudes shall be available on the school district's
23 website and through the superintendent or a designee of the school
24 district for inspection by parents and legal guardians of the

1 student who will be involved with the class, program ~~or~~, test,
2 survey, or questionnaire. Such curriculum, materials, classes,
3 programs, tests, surveys, or questionnaires shall include
4 information about consent and shall have as one of its primary
5 purposes the teaching of or informing students about the practice of
6 abstinence. For the purposes of this section, "consent" shall have
7 the same meaning as that provided by Section 113 of Title 21 of the
8 Oklahoma Statutes. The superintendent or a designee of the school
9 district shall provide prior written notification to the parents or
10 legal guardians of the students involved of their right to inspect
11 the curriculum and material, the right to inspect a detailed outline
12 of the curriculum, and ~~of their obligation to notify~~ the right of
13 parents or legal guardians to provide the school ~~in writing~~ written
14 consent if they ~~do not~~ want their child to participate in the class,
15 program, test, survey, or questionnaire. Each ~~local~~ board of
16 education shall determine the means of providing written
17 notification to the parents and legal guardian which will ensure
18 effective notice in an efficient and appropriate manner including a
19 reasonable time period for the parent or legal guardian to review
20 the curriculum. No student shall be required to participate in a
21 ~~sex~~ comprehensive sexual education or sexual risk reduction class or
22 program or an optimal sexual health education or sexual risk
23 avoidance class or program which discusses sexual behavior or
24 attitudes if a parent or legal guardian of the student ~~objects in~~

1 ~~writing to~~ does not provide written consent for such participation.
2 If the type of program referred to in this section is a part of or
3 is taught during a credit course, a student may be required to
4 enroll in the course but shall not be required to receive
5 instruction in or participate in the program if a parent or legal
6 guardian ~~objects in writing~~ does not provide written consent.

7 B. The superintendent or a designee of a school district in
8 which ~~sex~~ a comprehensive sexual education or sexual risk reduction
9 class or program or an optimal sexual health education or sexual
10 risk avoidance class or program is taught or a program is offered
11 which is designed for the exclusive purpose of discussing sexual
12 behavior or attitudes shall approve all curriculum and materials
13 which will be used for such education and any test, survey, or
14 questionnaire whose primary purpose is to elicit responses on sexual
15 behavior or attitudes used in the school prior to their use in the
16 classroom or school. The teacher involved in the class, program,
17 testing, or survey shall submit the curriculum, materials, tests, or
18 surveys to the superintendent or a designee for approval prior to
19 their use in the classroom or school. This section shall not apply
20 to those students enrolled in classes, programs, testings, or
21 surveys offered through an alternative education program.

22 C. A comprehensive sexual education or sexual risk reduction
23 class or program or an optimal sexual health education or sexual
24 risk avoidance class or program offered by a school district

1 pursuant to this section shall only be taught by a certified teacher
2 who is employed by the school district. Outside organizations
3 including, but not limited to, county health departments and city-
4 county health departments shall be prohibited from leading such a
5 class or program.

6 D. Only textbooks and other instructional materials included in
7 the list of textbooks selected by the State Textbook Committee
8 pursuant to Section 16-110 of this title shall be used in a
9 comprehensive sexual education or sexual risk reduction class or
10 program or an optimal sexual health education or sexual risk
11 avoidance class or program offered pursuant to this section. A
12 school district shall be prohibited from using state funds to
13 purchase textbooks or other instructional materials not included in
14 the list of textbooks selected by the State Textbook Committee in a
15 program offered pursuant to this section.

16 SECTION 4. This act shall become effective July 1, 2026.

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

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