

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 1737

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to schools; amending 25 O.S. 2021,
8 Section 2003, which relates to the Parents' Bill of
9 Rights; removing language directing school district
boards of education to adopt procedures relating to
sex education curricula; updating statutory language;
10 amending 70 O.S. 2021, Section 11-105.1, which
11 relates to sex education curriculum and materials;
12 removing language regarding inspection of curriculum
13 and materials for sex education; removing language
14 regarding approval of curriculum and materials for
sex education; prohibiting public school districts
from offering a sex education class or program;
providing an effective date; and declaring an
emergency.

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

17 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 25 O.S. 2021, Section 2003, is
18 amended to read as follows:

19 Section 2003. A. The board of education of a school district,
20 in consultation with parents, teachers, and administrators, shall
21 develop and adopt a policy to promote the involvement of parents and
22 guardians of children enrolled in the schools within the school
23 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 instruction to a child if the child's parent provides~~
19 ~~written objection to the child's participation in the sex education~~
20 ~~curricula~~;

21 5. ~~Procedures by which parents will be notified in advance of~~
22 ~~and given the opportunity to withdraw their children from any~~
23 ~~instruction or presentations regarding sexuality in courses other~~

1 than formal sex education curricula pursuant to Section 11-105.1 of
2 ~~Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes;~~

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

7 7. 5. Procedures by which parents may learn about parental
8 rights and responsibilities under the laws of this state, including
9 the following:

10 a. ~~the right to opt out of a sex education curriculum if~~
11 ~~one is provided by the school district,~~

12 b. open enrollment rights,

13 c. b. the right to opt out of assignments pursuant to this
14 section,

15 d. c. the right to be exempt from the immunization laws of
16 the state pursuant to Section 1210.192 of Title 70 of
17 the Oklahoma Statutes,

18 e. d. the ~~promotion requirements prescribed in Section~~
19 ~~1210.508E of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes~~
20 provisions of the Strong Readers Act,

21 f. e. the minimum course of study and competency
22 requirements for graduation from high school
23 prescribed in Section 11-103.6 of Title 70 of the
24 Oklahoma Statutes,

1 g. f. the right to opt out of instruction on the acquired
2 immune deficiency syndrome pursuant to Section 11-
3 103.3 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes,
4 h. g. the right to review test results,
5 i. h. the right to participate in gifted programs pursuant
6 to Sections 1210.301 through 1210.308 of Title 70 of
7 the Oklahoma Statutes,
8 j. i. the right to inspect instructional materials used in
9 connection with any research or experimentation
10 program or project pursuant to Section 11-106 of Title
11 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes,
12 k. j. the right to receive a school report card,
13 l. k. the attendance requirements prescribed in Section 10-
14 106 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes,
15 m. l. the right to public review of courses of study and
16 textbooks,
17 n. m. the right to be excused from school attendance for
18 religious purposes,
19 o. n. policies related to parental involvement pursuant to
20 this section,
21 p. o. the right to participate in parent-teacher
22 associations and organizations that are sanctioned by
23 the board of education of a school district, and
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1 et. p. the right to opt out of any data collection
2 instrument at the district level that would capture
3 data for inclusion in the state longitudinal student
4 data system except what is necessary and essential for
5 establishing a student's public school record.

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

9 C. A parent shall submit a written request for information
10 pursuant to this section during regular business hours to either the
11 school principal at the school site or the superintendent of the
12 school district at the office of the school district. Within ten
13 (10) days of receiving the request for information, the school
14 principal or the superintendent of the school district shall either
15 deliver the requested information to the parent or submit to the
16 parent a written explanation of the reasons for the denial of the
17 requested information. If the request for information is denied or
18 the parent does not receive the requested information within fifteen
19 (15) days after submitting the request for information, the parent
20 may submit a written request for the information to the board of
21 education of a school district, which shall formally consider the
22 request at the next scheduled public meeting of the board if the
23 request can be properly noticed on the agenda. If the request
24 cannot be properly noticed on the agenda, the board of education of

1 a school district shall formally consider the request at the next
2 subsequent public meeting of the board.

3 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2021, Section 11-105.1, is
4 amended to read as follows:

5 Section 11-105.1. A. ~~All curriculum and materials including~~
6 ~~supplementary materials which will be used to teach or will be used~~
7 ~~for or in connection with a Public school districts in this state~~
8 ~~shall be prohibited from offering a sex education class or program~~
9 ~~which is designed for the exclusive purpose of discussing sexual~~
10 ~~behavior or attitudes, or any test, survey or questionnaire whose~~
11 ~~primary purpose is to elicit responses on sexual behavior or~~
12 ~~attitudes shall be available through the superintendent or a~~
13 ~~designee of the school district for inspection by parents and~~
14 ~~guardians of the student who will be involved with the class,~~
15 ~~program or test, survey or questionnaire. Such curriculum,~~
16 ~~materials, classes, programs, tests, surveys or questionnaires shall~~
17 ~~include information about consent and shall have as one of its~~
18 ~~primary purposes the teaching of or informing students about the~~
19 ~~practice of abstinence. For the purposes of this section, "consent"~~
20 ~~shall have the same meaning as that provided by Section 113 of Title~~
21 ~~21 of the Oklahoma Statutes. The superintendent or a designee of~~
22 ~~the school district shall provide prior written notification to the~~
23 ~~parents or guardians of the students involved of their right to~~
24 ~~inspect the curriculum and material and of their obligation to~~

1 notify the school in writing if they do not want their child to
2 participate in the class, program, test, survey or questionnaire.
3 Each local board of education shall determine the means of providing
4 written notification to the parents and guardian which will ensure
5 effective notice in an efficient and appropriate manner. No student
6 shall be required to participate in a sex education class or program
7 which discusses sexual behavior or attitudes if a parent or guardian
8 of the student objects in writing to such participation. If the
9 type of program referred to in this section is a part of or is
10 taught during a credit course, a student may be required to enroll
11 in the course but shall not be required to receive instruction in or
12 participate in the program if a parent or guardian objects in
13 writing.

14 B. The superintendent or a designee of a school district in
15 which sex education is taught or a program is offered which is
16 designed for the exclusive purpose of discussing sexual behavior or
17 attitudes shall approve all curriculum and materials which will be
18 used for such education and any test, survey or questionnaire whose
19 primary purpose is to elicit responses on sexual behavior or
20 attitudes used in the school prior to their use in the classroom or
21 school. The teacher involved in the class, program, testing or
22 survey shall submit the curriculum, materials, tests or surveys to
23 the superintendent or a designee for approval prior to their use in
24 the classroom or school. This section shall not apply to those

1 students enrolled in classes, programs, testings or surveys offered
2 through an alternative education program.

3 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 2026.

4 SECTION 4. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
5 of the public peace, health, or safety, an emergency is hereby
6 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
7 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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