

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 58th Legislature (2022)

3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
4 FOR

5 SENATE BILL 1142

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9 An Act relating to schools; prohibiting certain  
10 schools and school libraries from maintaining or  
11 promoting certain books; allowing a parent or legal  
12 guardian of a student to submit certain request to  
13 remove certain book; requiring within certain time  
14 period the removal of the book or submission of  
15 certain written explanation for denying a request for  
16 removal; creating a cause of action for denying a  
17 request to remove a book; allowing a court to make  
18 certain determination and grant certain injunctive  
19 relief; providing for codification; providing an  
20 effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

22 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
23 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 16-130 of Title 70, unless there  
24 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

25 A. No public school district, public charter school, or public  
26 school library shall maintain in its inventory or promote books that  
27 make as their primary subject the study of sex, sexual lifestyles,  
28 or sexual activity, or books that are of a controversial nature that

1 a reasonable parent or legal guardian would want to know of or  
2 approve of prior to their child being exposed to it.

3 B. 1. The parent or legal guardian of a student who believes a  
4 public school district, public charter school, or public school  
5 library is maintaining book(s) in violation of subsection A of this  
6 section may submit a written request to the school district  
7 superintendent or charter school administrator to remove the book(s)  
8 from the public school district, public charter school, or public  
9 school library.

10 2. Within thirty (30) days of receiving a written request to  
11 remove a book, the school district superintendent or charter school  
12 administrator shall either remove the book from the public school  
13 district, public charter school, or public school library or submit  
14 to the parent or legal guardian a written explanation for denying  
15 the request.

16 C. If a written request to remove a book is denied pursuant to  
17 paragraph 2 of subsection B of this section, a parent or legal  
18 guardian shall have a cause of action against a public school  
19 district or public charter school. If a court determines the book  
20 is of a nature that a reasonable parent or legal guardian would want  
21 to know of or approve of it prior to their child being exposed to  
22 it, the court may grant injunctive relief by ordering the removal of  
23 the book from the public school district, public charter school, or  
24 public school library.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2022.

2 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
3 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby  
4 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
5 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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