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Bill Analysis

SB 1142 prohibits public school districts, public charter schools, and public school libraries from maintaining in their inventory or promoting books that address the study of sex, sexual preferences, sexual activity, sexual perversion, sex-based classifications, sexual identity, gender identity, or books that contain content of a sexual nature that a reasonable parent or legal guardian would want to know about or approve of before their child is exposed to it. The bill allows a parent or legal guardian of a student who believes a book is in violation of the bill's prohibitions to submit a written request to the school district superintendent or charter school administrator to remove the book. It requires the book to be removed within 30 days, and if it is not, the employee tasked with removing the book is to be dismissed or not reemployed, subject to due process provisions, and he or she cannot be employed by a public school district or public charter school for 2 years. The measure also creates a cause of action for a parent or legal guardian against a public school district or public charter school that violates the bill's provisions, allowing the parent or legal guardian to seek monetary damages, reasonable attorneys' fees, and court costs. Damages shall include a minimum of \$10,000.00 per day the book requested for removal is not removed.

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