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Bill Analysis

The CS for SB 615 amends language regarding inspection of sex education curriculum and materials. It adds language requiring all curriculum and materials that will be used in a meeting with a school counselor on sexual behavior or attitudes to be available for inspection by parents and legal guardians. It also requires any curriculum, materials, test, survey, questionnaire, activity, or instruction of any kind related to sexual orientation and gender identity to be available to inspection. It prohibits a student from being required to participate in a meeting with a school counselor to discuss sexual behavior or attitudes or any instruction, class, program, test, activity, survey, or questionnaire which discusses sexual orientation and gender identity. It clarifies that prior written notification to parents and legal guardians regarding sex education is to include a list of the audio-visual or written curriculum and materials to be used in the instruction, program, test, activity, meeting, or survey. The measure clarifies that prior written notification is not required prior to a teacher responding to student questions during class regarding sexual orientation and gender identity as it relates to a topic of instruction; when referring to the sexual orientation or gender identity of a historic person, group, or public figure when it provides context; or when referring to sexual orientation and gender identity if necessary to address a disciplinary matter. It defines “gender identity” and “sexual orientation.”

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