

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 SENATE BILL 1142

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to schools; prohibiting certain
8 schools and school libraries from maintaining or
9 promoting certain books; allowing a parent or legal
10 guardian of a student to submit certain request to
11 remove certain book; requiring removal of the book
12 within certain time period; requiring certain
13 employee to be dismissed or not reemployed, subject
14 to certain provisions, for failure to remove certain
15 book; prohibiting certain employee from being
16 employed by certain school for certain time period;
17 providing for removal of book; creating a cause of
18 action for failing to meet certain requirements;
19 providing for award of certain damages, fees, and
20 costs; providing for codification; providing an
21 effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

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

31 A. No public school district, public charter school, or public
32 school library shall maintain in its inventory or promote books that
33 make as their primary subject the study of sex, sexual preferences,
34 sexual activity, sexual perversion, sex-based classifications,
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1 sexual identity, or gender identity or books that are of a sexual
2 nature that a reasonable parent or legal guardian would want to know
3 of or approve of prior to their child being exposed to it.

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

11 2. The book(s) requested for removal shall be removed from the
12 public school district, public charter school, or public school
13 library within thirty (30) days of receiving the request.

14 3. A public school district or public charter school employee
15 tasked with removing a book from a public school district, public
16 charter school, or public school library who does not do so within
17 thirty (30) days of receiving a request shall be dismissed or not
18 reemployed, subject to the provisions of the Teacher Due Process Act
19 of 1990, and the employee shall be prohibited from being employed by
20 a public school district or public charter school for a period of
21 two (2) years. The book shall be removed from the public school
22 district, public charter school, or public school library by a
23 school administrator.

1 C. A parent or legal guardian shall have a cause of action
2 against a public school district or public charter school for
3 failing to meet the requirements of subsection B of this section and
4 may seek monetary damages including a minimum of Ten Thousand
5 Dollars (\$10,000.00) per day the book requested for removal is not
6 removed, reasonable attorney fees, and court costs.

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

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

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