

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to schools; directing the State  
8 Department of Education to establish an online  
9 transparency portal; authorizing contracting with a  
10 private company to establish the portal; providing  
11 for purpose of portal; listing minimum requirements  
12 for the portal; requiring school district to  
13 participate in the portal; mandating materials be  
14 made available on the portal; authorizing rule  
15 promulgation; providing for codification; providing  
16 an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

18 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
19 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 11-100 of Title 70, unless there  
20 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

21 A. The State Department of Education shall establish, or  
22 contract with a private company to establish, an online transparency  
23 portal. The portal shall be an online tool to support parental  
24 rights to access, review, and comment upon curriculum, instructional  
materials, textbooks, and library materials being used by the school

1 district where their child attends school, and which their child  
2 might be exposed to without prior parental knowledge or consent.

3 B. The online transparency portal shall include, at a minimum:

4 1. A simple, universally accessible website that allows the  
5 user to search for, display, review, and comment on materials  
6 available to the user's child at the school district. Materials  
7 include but are not limited to:

8 a. textbooks,

9 b. library books,

10 c. classroom instructional materials including, but not  
11 limited to, student activities, instructions, lesson  
12 plans, small group instruction, independent reading or  
13 viewing materials, videos, and handouts,

14 d. formative and summative assessment items,

15 e. supplemental instructional materials,

16 f. co-curricular content and materials, especially any  
17 social and emotional learning or character-based  
18 curricula, and

19 g. content from third-party learning applications;

20 2. Easy-to-use administrative interfaces for school district  
21 employees to upload content and for Department employees to oversee  
22 and have access to content;

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1 3. User-friendly alignment crosswalks of textbook and  
2 instructional content to state academic standards and other  
3 frameworks as needed for improved searching;

4 4. Alignment of library content to Lexile or other generally  
5 accepted and reputable reading levels;

6 5. International Standard Book Number (ISBN) integration of  
7 library materials for a robust display of library material content  
8 for parental review;

9 6. Content searchable by school district or publisher-supplied  
10 scope and sequence information; and

11 7. Public and private comment by users, with real-time  
12 processing of comments, reviews, and feedback. User authentication  
13 shall be required and comments may be cataloged and stored for  
14 compliance and auditing purposes.

15 C. Beginning in the 2024-2025 school year, and in each  
16 subsequent school year, school districts shall participate in the  
17 online transparency portal created in subsection A of this section  
18 and ensure all of the materials listed in subsection B of this  
19 section are available on the portal for parental review.

20 D. The Department may promulgate rules to implement the  
21 provisions of this section.

22 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2023.

23 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
24 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby

1 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
2 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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