

Bill Summary
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Bill Analysis

SB 866 amends the Parents' Bill of Rights to require written consent from a parent or legal guardian for a student to participate in sex education instruction, rather than allowing a student to opt out. The bill also amends language regarding inspection of sex education curriculum and materials. It adds language requiring all curriculum and materials that will be used in a school-counselor led course on sexual behavior or attitudes and any curriculum, materials, test, survey, questionnaire, activity, or instruction related to sexual orientation and gender identity to be available for inspection by parents and legal guardians. The measure requires written consent from a parent or legal guardian to participate in such instruction, rather than allowing a student to opt out. It prohibits a school district from offering instruction, a program, a test, an activity, a survey, or a questionnaire on matters pertaining to sex education, sexual orientation, or gender identity to students in grades pre-kindergarten through five. It requires the prior written notification to include the list of audio-visual or written curriculum and materials to be used in certain instruction, class, program, test, activity, or survey. The measure also states that upon a finding by the State Board of Education that a school district is noncompliant, the district will receive a 5% reduction in state funding the following fiscal year.

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