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Bill Analysis

SB 872 prohibits print or nonprint materials or multimedia resources located in a school district or public charter school library, or elsewhere on school property, from containing visual or visually implied depictions of sexual acts or simulations of such acts; explicit or implied written descriptions of sexual acts; or visual depictions of nudity or implied nudity, except for depictions that may appear in a biology textbook. The bill requires each district and charter school by July 1, 2024, to conduct an audit of print and nonprint materials and multimedia resources and remove any such prohibited materials. The measure also requires districts and charter schools beginning July 1, 2024, to maintain an inventory list of all materials. The measure directs all print and nonprint materials and multimedia resources to be available for inspection by parents and legal guardians. It requires a superintendent to approve or disapprove recommendations for new materials. It allows a parent or legal guardian to request that a superintendent review materials to determine whether they violate the prohibition, and provides an appeals process for certain decisions. The measure states that if a district or charter school fails to remove a material or resource as directed by the State Board of Education, the district or charter school will receive a 5 percent reduction in state funding the following fiscal year.

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