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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to parental rights; amending 25 O.S.  
8 2021, Sections 2001, 2003, and 2005, which relate to  
9 the Parents' Bill of Rights; providing for private  
10 right of action; providing that parents may review  
11 certain materials; providing that parents may object  
to any material; providing that parents may opt in to  
certain instruction; providing for a fine per  
violation; defining term; and providing an effective  
date.

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

16 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 25 O.S. 2021, Section 2001, is  
17 amended to read as follows:

18 Section 2001. A. This act shall be known and may be cited as  
19 the "Parents' Bill of Rights".

20 B. This state, any political subdivision of this state or any  
21 other governmental entity shall not infringe on the fundamental  
22 right of parents to direct the upbringing, education, health care  
23 and mental health of their children without demonstrating that the  
24 compelling governmental interest as applied to the child involved is

1 of the highest order, is narrowly tailored and is not otherwise  
2 served by a less restrictive means.

3 C. As used in the Parents' Bill of Rights, "parent" means the  
4 natural or adoptive parent or legal guardian of a minor child.

5 D. Any parent whose child is a student at a school that  
6 violates the provisions of Section 2003 of this title and whose  
7 child suffers any harm as a result of the violation shall be  
8 entitled to bring a private right of action against the school for  
9 damages.

10 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 25 O.S. 2021, Section 2003, is  
11 amended to read as follows:

12 Section 2003. A. The board of education of a school district,  
13 in consultation with parents, teachers and administrators, shall  
14 develop and adopt a policy to promote the involvement of parents and  
15 guardians of children enrolled in the schools within the school  
16 district, including:

17 1. A plan for parent participation in the schools which is  
18 designed to improve parent and teacher cooperation in such areas as  
19 homework, attendance and discipline;

20 2. Procedures by which parents may learn about the course of  
21 study for their children and review any learning materials,  
22 including the source of any supplemental educational materials,  
23 review budget expenditures, contracts, and agreements, and receive  
24 information about all of the school's or school district's programs

1 and activities, including, but not limited to, locally adopted and  
2 implemented curriculum, education or noneducational programs and  
3 activities, classroom assignments, orientation programs, training  
4 programs, counseling programs, or classroom activities and  
5 interventions;

6 3. Procedures by which parents who object to any academic or  
7 nonacademic learning material ~~or activity~~, any academic or  
8 nonacademic school programs or activities, or any academic or  
9 nonacademic instruction on the basis that it is harmful may withdraw  
10 their children from the activity or from the class or program in  
11 which the material is used. Objection to a any learning material  
12 ~~or~~, activity, or instruction on the basis that it is harmful  
13 includes objection to a material or activity because it questions  
14 beliefs or practices in sex, morality ~~or~~, religion, race, or gender,  
15 including gender identity;

16 4. If a school district offers any sex education curricula  
17 pursuant to Section 11-105.1 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes or  
18 pursuant to any rules adopted by the State Board of Education,  
19 procedures to opt ~~out of a school district from providing~~ in to the  
20 sex education instruction to a child ~~if the child's parent provides~~  
21 ~~written objection~~ by providing in writing consent to the child's  
22 participation in the sex education curricula;

23 5. Procedures by which parents will be notified in advance of  
24 and ~~given the opportunity to withdraw~~ required to opt their children

1 ~~from~~ in to any instruction or presentations regarding morality, any  
2 social and emotional learning program, religion, race, gender,  
3 including gender identity, or sexuality in courses other than formal  
4 sex education curricula pursuant to Section 11-105.1 of Title 70 of  
5 the Oklahoma Statutes;

6 6. Procedures by which parents may learn about the nature and  
7 purpose of clubs and activities that are part of the school  
8 curriculum, as well as extracurricular clubs and activities that  
9 have been approved by the school; ~~and~~

10 7. Procedures by which parents must provide prior written  
11 consent to a student's participation in any classroom activities or  
12 courses that promote or require a student to accept a particular  
13 ideological, philosophical, or political belief or principle,  
14 including activities related to or associated with a school's  
15 diversity, equity, or inclusion plan;

16 8. Procedures by which parents may learn about a school  
17 district's equity, diversity, and inclusion plan, including, but not  
18 limited to, steps the school district is taking to implement the  
19 plan; and

20 9. Procedures by which parents may learn about parental rights  
21 and responsibilities under the laws of this state, including the  
22 following:

23 a. the right to opt ~~out of~~ in to a sex education  
24 curriculum if one is provided by the school district,

- 1           b.    open enrollment rights,
- 2           c.    the right to opt ~~out of~~ in to assignments pursuant to
- 3                this section,
- 4           d.    the right to be exempt from the immunization laws of
- 5                the state pursuant to Section 1210.192 of Title 70 of
- 6                the Oklahoma Statutes,
- 7           e.    the promotion requirements prescribed in Section
- 8                1210.508E of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes,
- 9           f.    the minimum course of study and competency
- 10               requirements for graduation from high school
- 11               prescribed in Section 11-103.6 of Title 70 of the
- 12               Oklahoma Statutes,
- 13           g.    the right to opt ~~out of~~ in to instruction on the
- 14               acquired immune deficiency syndrome pursuant to
- 15               Section 11-103.3 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes,
- 16           h.    the right to review test results,
- 17           i.    the right to participate in gifted programs pursuant
- 18               to Sections 1210.301 through 1210.308 of Title 70 of
- 19               the Oklahoma Statutes,
- 20           j.    the right to inspect instructional materials used in
- 21               connection with any research or experimentation
- 22               program or project pursuant to Section 11-106 of Title
- 23               70 of the Oklahoma Statutes,
- 24           k.    the right to receive a school report card,

- 1           l.    the attendance requirements prescribed in Section 10-
- 2                    106 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes,
- 3           m.    the right to public review of courses of study and
- 4                    textbooks,
- 5           n.    the right to be excused from school attendance for
- 6                    religious purposes,
- 7           o.    policies related to parental involvement pursuant to
- 8                    this section,
- 9           p.    the right to participate in parent-teacher
- 10                   associations and organizations that are sanctioned by
- 11                   the board of education of a school district, ~~and~~
- 12           q.    the right to opt ~~out of~~ in to any formal or informal
- 13                   data collection instrument or survey, including, but
- 14                   not limited to, any instrument collecting nonacademic
- 15                   information from a student at the district level that
- 16                   would capture data for inclusion in the state
- 17                   longitudinal student data system except what is
- 18                   necessary and essential for establishing a student's
- 19                   public school record,
- 20           r.    the right to review any formal or informal data
- 21                   collection instrument or survey at the district level,
- 22           s.    the right to opt in to a student's participation in
- 23                   activities associated with the implementation of a
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1                   diversity, equity or inclusion plan prior to the  
2                   student's participation in such activities, and  
3           t.    the right to opt in to participation in any social and  
4                   emotional learning program.

5           B.   The board of education of a school district may adopt a  
6 policy to provide to parents the information required by this  
7 section in an electronic form.

8           C.   A parent shall submit a written request for information  
9 pursuant to this section during regular business hours to either the  
10 school principal at the school site or the superintendent of the  
11 school district at the office of the school district. Within ten  
12 (10) days of receiving the request for information, the school  
13 principal or the superintendent of the school district shall either  
14 deliver the requested information to the parent or submit to the  
15 parent a written explanation of the reasons for the denial of the  
16 requested information. If the request for information is denied or  
17 the parent does not receive the requested information within fifteen  
18 (15) days after submitting the request for information, the parent  
19 may submit a written request for the information to the board of  
20 education of a school district, which shall formally consider the  
21 request at the next scheduled public meeting of the board if the  
22 request can be properly noticed on the agenda. If the request  
23 cannot be properly noticed on the agenda, the board of education of  
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1 a school district shall formally consider the request at the next  
2 subsequent public meeting of the board.

3 D. A school that violates this section is punishable by a fine  
4 of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) per violation.

5 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 25 O.S. 2021, Section 2005, is  
6 amended to read as follows:

7 Section 2005. A. Except as otherwise provided by law or a  
8 court order, no person, corporation, association, organization or  
9 state-supported institution, or any individual employed by any of  
10 these entities, may procure, solicit to perform, arrange for the  
11 performance of or perform an assessment for mental health therapy on  
12 a minor without first obtaining the written consent of a parent or a  
13 legal guardian of the minor child. Provided, however, that if  
14 written consent is provided to a school district for assessment or  
15 treatment, such consent shall be effective for the school year for  
16 which it is granted and shall be renewed each subsequent school  
17 year. If an assessment or treatment is performed through  
18 telemedicine at a school site and if consent has been provided by  
19 the parent and is currently effective, the health professional shall  
20 not be required to verify that the parent is at the site. However,  
21 a child shall not be seen without consent.

22 B. For purposes of this section, mental health therapy shall  
23 include mental health services, behavioral health services, sexual  
24 and reproductive health information, substance abuse treatment,



1 information on transitioning, gender-affirming care, suicide  
2 prevention programs, cross-sex counseling, and any information  
3 provided by a school relating to sexual identity, sexual  
4 orientation, gender identity, gender expression, gender  
5 transitioning, or transgender identity.

6 C. This section does not apply when an emergency exists that  
7 requires a person to perform mental health screening or provide  
8 mental health treatment to prevent serious injury to or save the  
9 life of a minor child.

10 ~~C.~~ D. A person who violates this section is guilty of a  
11 misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not more than One Thousand  
12 Dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisonment of not more than one (1) year in  
13 the county jail, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

14 SECTION 4. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.

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