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A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to public preK-12 education; to require the posting of classroom curricula on the website of the school; to permit parents or guardians of enrolled students, upon request, to request information on instructional and supplemental materials used in the classroom; to provide a complaint process; and to provide for the reporting of the number of complaints to the State Superintendent of Education and the Legislature.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. (a) At the beginning of each school year, and no later than 30 calendar days after a new or revised curriculum is adopted, the local superintendent of education and local board of education shall verify that each school under the jurisdiction of the board has posted current adopted curricula for each class on the website of the school. Access to the online curricula shall be made available to students, parents, or guardians of enrolled students through the school website. If a school has no accessible website, the curricula shall be posted on the website of the local board of education or the State Department of Education.



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29 (b) Each classroom teacher shall comply with the
30 request of any parent or guardian by providing a detailed
31 summary, by email, telephone, or other electronic means, of
32 instructional materials adopted by the local board of
33 education, supplementary instructional materials in the
34 classroom that were not adopted by the local board of
35 education, and books in the classroom that are available for
36 students to read, subject to all of the following:

37 (1) Only the parent or guardian of a child enrolled in
38 the class may make a request pursuant to this subsection.

39 (2) If a parent or guardian would like further
40 information regarding how the instructional materials relate
41 to the content standards adopted by the State Board of
42 Education or to physically examine any instructional materials
43 used in the classroom, the parent or guardian may request that
44 the local board of educational allow that examination at the
45 next work session of the board. The board shall notify the
46 parent or guardian and the teacher of the issues involved and
47 the date and time of the next work session.

48 (c) For any class in which reading books is required,
49 the classroom teacher shall include the titles of the books on
50 a class syllabus. Upon the request of the parent or guardian
51 of a child enrolled in the class, the classroom teacher shall
52 make the syllabus available to the parent or guardian.

53 (d) If a classroom teacher fails to comply with this
54 section, the parent or guardian may file a complaint with the
55 local superintendent of education on a form developed and
56 provided by the local superintendent of education. If the



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57 complaint is not resolved by the local superintendent of
58 education within 10 school days, the parent or guardian may
59 file a complaint with the State Superintendent of Education,
60 or his or her designee. The State Superintendent of Education
61 shall make a form available for parents or guardians to file a
62 complaint pursuant to this subsection.

63 (e) (1) On or before September 1 annually, each local
64 superintendent of education shall report the number of
65 complaints filed with him or her during the previous school
66 year to the State Superintendent of Education. On or before
67 October 1 annually, the State Superintendent of Education
68 shall report the total number of complaints filed during the
69 previous school year, statewide and by county, to the Chairs
70 of the Senate Education Policy Committee and the House of
71 Representatives Education Policy Committee.

72 (2) Any complaint filed by a parent or guardian
73 pursuant to this section is an educational record of the
74 student on whose behalf the complaint was filed and shall not
75 be released or viewed, except as provided in this section and
76 where the release or viewing is otherwise consistent with the
77 federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974
78 (FERPA) and state law.

79 Section 2. This act shall become effective on June 1,
80 2024.



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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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I hereby certify that the within Act originated in and passed the Senate, as amended.

Patrick Harris,
Secretary.

House of Representatives
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By: Senator Reed