

IN THE SENATE

SENATE BILL NO. 1293

BY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1 RELATING TO PARENTAL RIGHTS IN EDUCATION; AMENDING TITLE 33, IDAHO CODE, BY
2 THE ADDITION OF A NEW CHAPTER 56, TITLE 33, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH PRO-
3 VISIONS RELATING TO PARENTAL RIGHTS IN EDUCATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN
4 ANNUAL NOTICE OF PARENTAL RIGHTS.
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6 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

7 SECTION 1. That Title 33, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended
8 by the addition thereto of a NEW CHAPTER, to be known and designated as Chap-
9 ter 56, Title 33, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

10 CHAPTER 56

11 PARENTAL RIGHTS IN EDUCATION

12 33-5601. PARENTAL RIGHTS. (1) A student's parent or guardian is the
13 primary person responsible for the education of the student, and the state
14 is in a secondary and supportive role to the parent or guardian. As such,
15 a student's parent or guardian has the right to reasonable academic accom-
16 modation from their child's school. "Reasonable accommodation" means the
17 school shall make its best effort to enable a parent or guardian to exercise
18 their rights without substantial impact to staff and resources, including
19 employee working conditions, safety and supervision on school premises for
20 school activities and the efficient allocation of expenditures, while bal-
21 ancing the parental rights of parents and guardians, the educational needs
22 of other students, the academic and behavioral impacts to a classroom, a
23 teacher's workload and the assurance of the safe and efficient operations of
24 the school.

25 (2) School districts and the boards of directors of public char-
26 ter schools, in consultation with parents, teachers and administrators,
27 shall develop and adopt a policy to promote the involvement of parents and
28 guardians of children enrolled in the schools within the school district or
29 the charter school, including:

30 (a) A plan for parent participation in the schools that is designed to
31 improve parent and teacher cooperation in such areas as homework, at-
32 tendance and discipline;

33 (b) A process by which parents may learn about the course of study for
34 their children and review learning materials, including the source of
35 any supplemental educational materials; and

36 (c) A process by which parents who object to any learning material or
37 activity on the basis that it harms the child or impairs the parents'
38 firmly held beliefs, values or principles, may withdraw their child
39 from the activity, class or program in which the material is used.

1 33-5602. ANNUAL NOTICE OF PARENTAL RIGHTS. School districts and the
2 boards of directors of public charter schools shall annually notify a parent
3 or guardian of a student enrolled in the school district or public charter
4 school of the parent's or guardian's rights as specified in this chapter.