

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 1858

101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE BAKER.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 161, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the rights of parents.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 161, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 161.841, to read as follows:

161.841. 1. This section shall be known and may be cited as the "Parents' Bill of Rights Act of 2022".

2. As used in this section, the term "parent" means a child's parent, guardian, or other person having control or custody of the child.

3. This section shall be construed to empower parents to enforce the following rights against school districts and public schools in which their children are enrolled that receive any federal or state moneys:

(1) The right to know what their minor child is being taught in school including, but not limited to, curricula, books, and other instructional materials;

(2) The right to receive information about who is teaching their minor child including, but not limited to, guest lecturers and outside presenters;

(3) The right to receive information about individuals and organizations receiving school contracts and funding;

(4) The right to visit the school and check in on their minor child during school hours;

(5) The right to view or receive all school records, medical or otherwise, concerning their minor child;

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in bold-face type in the above bill is proposed language.

18 **(6) The right to receive information about the collection and transmission of**
19 **their minor child's data;**

20 **(7) The right to have sufficient accountability and transparency regarding school**
21 **boards; and**

22 **(8) The right to know about situations affecting their minor child's safety in**
23 **school.**

24 **4. No school district or public school shall require nondisclosure agreements or**
25 **similar forms for a parent's review of curricula. Each public school or school district**
26 **shall allow parents to make copies of curriculum documents.**

27 **5. No school district or public school shall allow student involvement in school**
28 **assemblies, field trips, or other extracurricular activities unless the child's parents**
29 **provide written authorization for such student involvement.**

30 **6. No school district or public school shall collect any biometric data or other**
31 **sensitive personal information about a minor child without obtaining written parental**
32 **consent before collecting such data or information.**

33 **7. Each school board meeting pertaining to curricula, safety, or other student**
34 **issues shall be held in public and allow for public comments.**

35 **8. Each school district and public school shall notify parents in a timely manner**
36 **of all reported incidents pertaining to student safety including, but not limited to, any**
37 **felony or misdemeanor committed by teachers or other school employees.**

38 **9. Parents may bring a civil action for injunctive relief against the school district**
39 **or public school in which their child is enrolled if such school district or public school**
40 **violates this section. Such action shall be brought in the county where the violation**
41 **occurred. If a court finds that the school district or public school has knowingly**
42 **engaged in multiple or repeated violations of this section, the department of elementary**
43 **and secondary education shall withhold all moneys provided by monthly distribution of**
44 **state formula funding to such school district or public school until such school district or**
45 **public school is in compliance with this section. After the school district or public school**
46 **provides evidence that such school district or public school is in compliance with this**
47 **section, the department shall restore the distribution of the funding to its original**
48 **amount before the distribution was withheld.**

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