

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 March 1, 2022

3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
4 FOR

5 SENATE BILL NO. 1142

6 By: Standridge, Newhouse, and
7 Allen

8 An Act relating to schools; prohibiting certain
9 schools and school libraries from maintaining or
10 promoting certain books; allowing a parent or legal
11 guardian of a student to submit certain request to
12 remove certain book; requiring within certain time
13 period the removal of the book or submission of
14 certain written explanation for denying a request for
15 removal; creating a cause of action for denying a
16 request to remove a book; allowing a court to make
17 certain determination and grant certain injunctive
18 relief; providing for codification; providing an
19 effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

21 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
22 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 16-130 of Title 70, unless there
23 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

24 A. No public school district, public charter school, or public
school library shall maintain in its inventory or promote books that
make as their primary subject the study of sex, sexual lifestyles,
or sexual activity, or books that are of a controversial nature that
a reasonable parent or legal guardian would want to know of or
approve of prior to their child being exposed to it.

1 B. 1. The parent or legal guardian of a student who believes a
2 public school district, public charter school, or public school
3 library is maintaining book(s) in violation of subsection A of this
4 section may submit a written request to the school district
5 superintendent or charter school administrator to remove the book(s)
6 from the public school district, public charter school, or public
7 school library.

8 2. Within thirty (30) days of receiving a written request to
9 remove a book, the school district superintendent or charter school
10 administrator shall either remove the book from the public school
11 district, public charter school, or public school library or submit
12 to the parent or legal guardian a written explanation for denying
13 the request.

14 C. If a written request to remove a book is denied pursuant to
15 paragraph 2 of subsection B of this section, a parent or legal
16 guardian shall have a cause of action against a public school
17 district or public charter school. If a court determines the book
18 is of a nature that a reasonable parent or legal guardian would want
19 to know of or approve of it prior to their child being exposed to
20 it, the court may grant injunctive relief by ordering the removal of
21 the book from the public school district, public charter school, or
22 public school library.

23 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2022.
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1 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
2 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
3 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
4 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

5 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
6 March 1, 2022 - DO PASS AS AMENDED
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