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HB 2439: ~~school library books; parental review~~

NOW: school library; review; policy

Sponsor: Representative Pingerelli, LD 21

Transmitted to the Governor

Overview

Instructs a school district governing board (governing board) and charter school governing body (governing body) to adopt procedures, beginning January 1, 2023, that provide parents access to a school's library collection and a list of books and materials their child borrows. Establishes public review and parental notification requirements for books purchased after January 1, 2023 for school libraries.

History

Governing boards must have policies to promote the involvement of parents of children enrolled within the school district. Statute dictates that these policies include procedures by which parents may: 1) learn about the course of study for their children and review learning materials; 2) withdraw their children from an activity or class if they object to any learning material or activity; and 3) learn about parental rights and responsibilities ([A.R.S. § 15-102](#)).

For common schools and high schools, a governing board must approve the basic textbook for each course before implementing the course. If a course does not include a basic textbook, the governing board must approve all supplemental books used in the course. All meetings of committees authorized for the purposes of textbook review and selection or approval must be open to the public. A copy of each textbook must also be made available at the school district office for public review for at least 60 days before the selection or approval of the textbook ([A.R.S. §§ 15-721, 15-722](#)).

Provisions

1. Directs a governing board and governing body, beginning January 1, 2023, to adopt procedures, in consultation with parents, teachers and administrators, that:
 - a) Provide parents access to a school's library collection of available books and materials; and
 - b) Allow parents to receive a list of books and materials borrowed from the library by their children. (Sec. 1, 2)
2. Includes, in the procedures by which parents may learn about parental rights and responsibilities a governing board must adopt, the right to public review of library books and materials. (Sec. 1)
3. Mandates a governing board and governing body:
 - a) Make available on the school district's or charter school's website, for public review and for at least 60 days after purchase, a list of all books and materials purchased after January 1, 2023 for any of the school libraries; and

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- b) Ensure that each school notifies the parents of enrolled pupils of the opening and closing dates of the public review period within seven school days before the opening date. (Sec. 2, 3)
4. Instructs each district school or charter school site to, for public review and for at least 60 days after purchase, make available on the school's website a list of all books and materials purchased after January 1, 2023 for the school library. (Sec. 2, 3)
5. Excludes the purchase of a book or material that is intended to replace a lost or damaged book from public review requirements. (Sec. 2, 3, 4)
6. Exempts district schools and charter schools without a full-time library media specialist or an equivalent position and school district libraries that have agreements with county free library districts, municipal libraries, nonprofit and public libraries, tribal libraries, private schools and tribal schools from:
 - a) Governing board or governing body procedures that provide parents access to a school's library collection of available books and materials and allow parents to receive a list of books and materials borrowed from the library by their children; and
 - b) Public review and parental notification requirements regarding books and materials purchased after July 1, 2023 for a school library. (Sec. 1, 2, 3, 4)
7. Makes technical changes. (Sec. 1, 3, 4)
8. Makes conforming changes. (Sec. 1)