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SYNOPSIS:

This bill would require each public preK-12 school to post the curricula for each class on the website of the school and would permit parents or guardians of enrolled students to request information on instructional and supplemental materials used in the classroom upon request.

This bill would also provide for a complaint process and reporting requirements.

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,



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29 and no later than 30 calendar days after a new or revised  
30 curriculum is adopted, the local superintendent of education  
31 and local board of education shall verify that each school  
32 under the jurisdiction of the board has posted current adopted  
33 curricula for each class on the website of the school. Access  
34 to the online curricula shall be made available to students,  
35 parents, or guardians of enrolled students through the school  
36 website. If a school has no accessible website, the curricula  
37 shall be posted on the website of the local board of education  
38 or the State Department of Education.

39 (b) Each classroom teacher shall comply with the  
40 request of any parent, custodian, or guardian by providing a  
41 detailed summary, by email, telephone, or other electronic  
42 means, of instructional materials adopted by the local board  
43 of education, supplementary instructional materials in the  
44 classroom that were not adopted by the local board of  
45 education, and books in the classroom that are available for  
46 students to read, subject to all of the following:

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

49 (2) If a parent or guardian would like further  
50 information regarding how the instructional materials relate  
51 to the content standards adopted by the State Board of  
52 Education or to physically examine any instructional materials  
53 used in the classroom, the parent or guardian may request that  
54 the local board of education allow that examination at the  
55 next work session of the board. The board shall notify the  
56 parent or guardian and the teacher of the issues involved and



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57 the date and time of the next work session.

58 (c) For any class in which reading books is required,  
59 the classroom teacher shall include the titles of the books on  
60 a class syllabus. Upon the request of the parent or guardian  
61 of a child enrolled in the class, the classroom teacher shall  
62 make the syllabus available to the parent or guardian.

63 (d) If a classroom teacher fails to comply with this  
64 section, the parent or guardian may file a complaint with the  
65 local superintendent of education on a form developed and  
66 provided by the local superintendent of education. If the  
67 complaint is not resolved by the local superintendent of  
68 education within 10 school days, the parent or guardian may  
69 file a complaint with the State Superintendent of Education,  
70 or his or her designee. The State Superintendent of Education  
71 shall make a form available for parents or guardians to file a  
72 complaint pursuant to this subsection.

73 (e) (1) On or before September 1 annually, each local  
74 superintendent of education shall report the number of  
75 complaints filed with him or her during the previous school  
76 year to the State Superintendent of Education. On or before  
77 October 1 annually, the State Superintendent of Education  
78 shall report the total number of complaints filed during the  
79 previous school year, statewide and by county, to the Chairs  
80 of the Senate Education Policy Committee and the House of  
81 Representatives Education Policy Committee.

82 (2) Any complaint filed by a parent or guardian  
83 pursuant to this act is an educational record of the student  
84 on whose behalf the complaint was filed.



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85                   Section 2. This act shall become effective on June 1,  
86    2024.