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SYNOPSIS:

Under existing law, public K-12 schools are required to post adopted classroom curricula online for review by parents and guardians.

This bill would require schools to offer an alternative method for the review of copyrighted materials by parents and guardians.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to public K-12 education; to amend Section 16-1-57, Code of Alabama 1975, requiring the posting online of classroom curricula for review; to provide an alternative method for the review of copyrighted material.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Section 16-1-57 of the Code of Alabama 1975, is amended to read as follows:

"§16-1-57

(a) (1) At the beginning of each school year, and no later than 30 calendar days after a new or revised curriculum is adopted, the local superintendent of education and local board of education shall verify that each school under the



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jurisdiction of the board has posted current adopted curricula for each class on the website of the school. Access to the online curricula shall be made available to students, parents, or guardians of enrolled students through the school website. If a school has no accessible website, the curricula shall be posted on the website of the local board of education or the State Department of Education.

(2)a. If the posting of any adopted instructional materials online violates copyright law, access to those materials shall be provided to students, parents, or guardians of enrolled students through one of the following methods:

1. Physical access to those materials at the school during normal school hours.

2. The provision of temporary remote access or login credentials to those materials for a 24-hour time period.

b. Access to the copyrighted instructional materials shall be provided within 10 days after the submission of a written request of the student, parent, or guardian to the assistant principal of the school.

c. No student, parent, or guardian reviewing copyrighted instructional materials pursuant to this subdivision shall be required to sign a nondisclosure agreement nor waive any rights beyond compliance with federal copyright law as a condition of reviewing the materials.

(b) Each classroom teacher shall comply with the request of any parent or guardian by providing a detailed summary, by email, telephone, or other electronic means, of instructional materials adopted by the local board of



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education, supplementary instructional materials in the classroom that were not adopted by the local board of education, and books in the classroom that are available for students to read, subject to all of the following:

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

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

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

(d) If a classroom teacher fails to comply with this section, the parent or guardian may file a complaint with the local superintendent of education on a form developed and provided by the local superintendent of education. If the complaint is not resolved by the local superintendent of education within 10 school days, the parent or guardian may file a complaint with the State Superintendent of Education,



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85 or his or her designee. The State Superintendent of Education
86 shall make a form available for parents or guardians to file a
87 complaint pursuant to this subsection.

88 (e) (1) On or before September 1 annually, each local
89 superintendent of education shall report the number of
90 complaints filed with him or her during the previous school
91 year to the State Superintendent of Education. On or before
92 October 1 annually, the State Superintendent of Education
93 shall report the total number of complaints filed during the
94 previous school year, statewide and by county, to the Chairs
95 of the Senate Education Policy Committee and the House of
96 Representatives Education Policy Committee.

97 (2) Any complaint filed by a parent or guardian
98 pursuant to this section is an educational record of the
99 student on whose behalf the complaint was filed and shall not
100 be released or viewed, except as provided in this section and
101 where the release or viewing is otherwise consistent with the
102 federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974
103 (FERPA), 20 U.S.C. § 1232g, and state law."

104 Section 2. This act shall become effective on October
105 1, 2026.