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A bill to be entitled  
An act relating to objections to instructional materials; amending s. 1006.28, F.S.; removing provisions authorizing parents and residents to object to instructional materials; removing requirements for certain meetings of committees related to such objections; removing provisions authorizing the Commissioner of Education to appoint a special magistrate under certain circumstances; removing district school board reporting requirements relating to such objections; amending s. 1014.05, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Paragraphs (a), (d), and (e) of subsection (2) of section 1006.28, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1006.28 Duties of district school board, district school superintendent; and school principal regarding K-12 instructional materials.-

(2) DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD.—The district school board has the constitutional duty and responsibility to select and provide adequate instructional materials for all students in accordance with the requirements of this part. The district school board

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26 also has the following specific duties and responsibilities:

27 (a) Courses of study; adoption.—Adopt courses of study,  
28 including instructional materials, for use in the schools of the  
29 district.

30 1. Each district school board is responsible for the  
31 content of all instructional materials and any other materials  
32 used in a classroom, made available in a school or classroom  
33 library, or included on a reading list, whether adopted and  
34 purchased from the state-adopted instructional materials list,  
35 adopted and purchased through a district instructional materials  
36 program under s. 1006.283, or otherwise purchased or made  
37 available.

38 2. ~~Each district school board must adopt a policy~~  
39 ~~regarding an objection by a parent or a resident of the county~~  
40 ~~to the use of a specific material, which clearly describes a~~  
41 ~~process to handle all objections and provides for resolution.~~  
42 ~~The objection form, as prescribed by State Board of Education~~  
43 ~~rule, and the district school board's process must be easy to~~  
44 ~~read and understand and be easily accessible on the homepage of~~  
45 ~~the school district's website. The objection form must also~~  
46 ~~identify the school district point of contact and contact~~  
47 ~~information for the submission of an objection. The process must~~  
48 ~~provide the parent or resident the opportunity to proffer~~  
49 ~~evidence to the district school board that:~~

50 a. ~~An instructional material does not meet the criteria of~~

51 ~~s. 1006.31(2) or s. 1006.40(3)(c) if it was selected for use in~~  
52 ~~a course or otherwise made available to students in the school~~  
53 ~~district but was not subject to the public notice, review,~~  
54 ~~comment, and hearing procedures under s. 1006.283(2)(b)8., 9.,~~  
55 ~~and 11.~~

56 ~~b. Any material used in a classroom, made available in a~~  
57 ~~school or classroom library, or included on a reading list~~  
58 ~~contains content which:~~

59 ~~(I) Is pornographic or prohibited under s. 847.012;~~  
60 ~~(II) Depicts or describes sexual conduct as defined in s.~~  
61 ~~847.001(19), unless such material is for a course required by s.~~  
62 ~~1003.46 or s. 1003.42(2)(e)1.g. or 3., or identified by State~~  
63 ~~Board of Education rule;~~  
64 ~~(III) Is not suited to student needs and their ability to~~  
65 ~~comprehend the material presented; or~~  
66 ~~(IV) Is inappropriate for the grade level and age group~~  
67 ~~for which the material is used.~~

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69 ~~A resident of the county who is not the parent or guardian of a~~  
70 ~~student with access to school district materials may not object~~  
71 ~~to more than one material per month. The State Board of~~  
72 ~~Education may adopt rules to implement this provision. Any~~  
73 ~~material that is subject to an objection on the basis of sub-~~  
74 ~~sub-subparagraph b.(I) or sub-sub-subparagraph b.(II) must be~~  
75 ~~removed within 5 school days after receipt of the objection and~~

76 remain unavailable to students of that school until the  
77 objection is resolved. Parents shall have the right to read  
78 passages from any material that is subject to an objection. If  
79 the school board denies a parent the right to read passages due  
80 to content that meets the requirements under sub-sub-  
81 subparagraph b.(I), the school district shall discontinue the  
82 use of the material in the school district. If the district  
83 school board finds that any material meets the requirements  
84 under sub-subparagraph a. or that any other material contains  
85 prohibited content under sub-sub-subparagraph b.(I), the school  
86 district shall discontinue use of the material. If the district  
87 school board finds that any other material contains prohibited  
88 content under sub-sub-subparagraphs b.(II)-(IV), the school  
89 district shall discontinue use of the material for any grade  
90 level or age group for which such use is inappropriate or  
91 unsuitable.

92 2.3. Each district school board must establish a process  
93 by which the parent of a public school student or a resident of  
94 the county may contest the district school board's adoption of a  
95 specific instructional material. The parent or resident must  
96 file a petition, on a form provided by the school board, within  
97 30 calendar days after the adoption of the instructional  
98 material by the school board. The school board must make the  
99 form available to the public and publish the form on the school  
100 district's website. The form must be signed by the parent or

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101 resident, include the required contact information, and state  
102 the objection to the instructional material based on the  
103 criteria of s. 1006.31(2) or s. 1006.40(3)(c). Within 30 days  
104 after the 30-day period has expired, the school board must, for  
105 all petitions timely received, conduct at least one open public  
106 hearing before an unbiased and qualified hearing officer. The  
107 hearing officer may not be an employee or agent of the school  
108 district. The hearing is not subject to the provisions of  
109 chapter 120; however, the hearing must provide sufficient  
110 procedural protections to allow each petitioner an adequate and  
111 fair opportunity to be heard and present evidence to the hearing  
112 officer. The school board's decision after convening a hearing  
113 is final and not subject to further petition or review.

114 3.4. Meetings of committees convened for the purpose of  
115 ranking, eliminating, or selecting instructional materials for  
116 recommendation to the district school board must be noticed and  
117 open to the public in accordance with s. 286.011. Any committees  
118 convened for such purposes must include parents of students who  
119 will have access to such materials.

120 ~~5. Meetings of committees convened for the purpose of~~  
121 ~~resolving an objection by a parent or resident to specific~~  
122 ~~materials must be noticed and open to the public in accordance~~  
123 ~~with s. 286.011. Any committees convened for such purposes must~~  
124 ~~include parents of students who will have access to such~~  
125 ~~materials.~~

126        6. If a parent disagrees with the determination made by  
127 the district school board on the objection to the use of a  
128 specific material, a parent may request the Commissioner of  
129 Education to appoint a special magistrate who is a member of The  
130 Florida Bar in good standing and who has at least 5 years'  
131 experience in administrative law. The special magistrate shall  
132 determine facts relating to the school district's determination,  
133 consider information provided by the parent and the school  
134 district, and render a recommended decision for resolution to  
135 the State Board of Education within 30 days after receipt of the  
136 request by the parent. The State Board of Education must approve  
137 or reject the recommended decision at its next regularly  
138 scheduled meeting that is more than 7 calendar days and no more  
139 than 30 days after the date the recommended decision is  
140 transmitted. The costs of the special magistrate shall be borne  
141 by the school district. The State Board of Education shall adopt  
142 rules, including forms, necessary to implement this  
143 subparagraph.

144        (d) School library media services; establishment and  
145 maintenance.—Establish and maintain a program of school library  
146 media services for all public schools in the district, including  
147 school library media centers, or school library media centers  
148 open to the public, and, in addition such traveling or  
149 circulating libraries as may be needed for the proper operation  
150 of the district school system. School librarians, media

151 specialists, and other personnel involved in the selection of  
152 school district library materials must complete the training  
153 program developed pursuant to s. 1006.29(6) before reviewing and  
154 selecting age-appropriate materials and library resources. Upon  
155 written request, a school district shall provide access to any  
156 material or book specified in the request that is maintained in  
157 a district school system library and is available for review.

158 1. Each book made available to students through a school  
159 district library media center or included in a recommended or  
160 assigned school or grade-level reading list must be selected by  
161 a school district employee who holds a valid educational media  
162 specialist certificate, regardless of whether the book is  
163 purchased, donated, or otherwise made available to students.

164 2. Each district school board shall adopt procedures for  
165 developing library media center collections and post the  
166 procedures on the website for each school within the district.  
167 The procedures must:

168 a. Require that book selections meet the criteria in s.  
169 1006.40(3)(c).

170 b. Require consultation of reputable, professionally  
171 recognized reviewing periodicals and school community  
172 stakeholders.

173 c. Provide for library media center collections, including  
174 classroom libraries, based on reader interest, support of state  
175 academic standards and aligned curriculum, and the academic

176 needs of students and faculty.

177       d. Provide for the regular removal or discontinuance of  
178 books based on, at a minimum, physical condition, rate of recent  
179 circulation, alignment to state academic standards and relevancy  
180 to curriculum, and out-of-date content, ~~and required removal~~  
181 ~~pursuant to subparagraph (a)2.~~

182       3. Each elementary school must publish on its website, in  
183 a searchable format prescribed by the department, a list of all  
184 materials maintained and accessible in the school library media  
185 center or a classroom library or required as part of a school or  
186 grade-level reading list.

187       4. Each district school board shall adopt and publish on  
188 its website the process for a parent to limit his or her  
189 student's access to materials in the school or classroom  
190 library.

191       (e) Public participation.—Publish on its website, in a  
192 searchable format prescribed by the department, a list of all  
193 instructional materials, including those used to provide  
194 instruction required by s. 1003.42. Each district school board  
195 must:

196       1. Provide access to all materials, excluding teacher  
197 editions, in accordance with s. 1006.283(2)(b)8.a. before the  
198 district school board takes any official action on such  
199 materials. This process must include reasonable safeguards  
200 against the unauthorized use, reproduction, and distribution of

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201 instructional materials considered for adoption.

202 2. Select, approve, adopt, or purchase all materials as a  
203 separate line item on the agenda and provide a reasonable  
204 opportunity for public comment. The use of materials described  
205 in this paragraph may not be selected, approved, or adopted as  
206 part of a consent agenda.

207 3. ~~Annually, on June 30, submit to the Commissioner of  
208 Education a report that identifies:~~

209 ~~a. Each material for which the school district received an  
210 objection pursuant to subparagraph (a)2., including the grade  
211 level and course the material was used in, for the school year  
212 and the specific objections thereto.~~

213 ~~b. Each material that was removed or discontinued.~~

214 ~~c. Each material that was not removed or discontinued and  
215 the rationale for not removing or discontinuing the material.~~

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217 ~~The department shall publish and regularly update a list of  
218 materials that were removed or discontinued, sorted by grade  
219 level, as a result of an objection and disseminate the list to  
220 school districts for consideration in their selection  
221 procedures.~~

222 **Section 2. Paragraphs (d) through (f) of subsection (1) of  
223 section 1014.05, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as paragraphs  
224 (c) through (e), and present paragraphs (c) and (f) of that  
225 subsection are amended to read:**

226 1014.05 School district notifications on parental rights.—

227 (1) Each district school board shall, in consultation with  
228 parents, teachers, and administrators, develop and adopt a  
229 policy to promote parental involvement in the public school  
230 system. Such policy must include:

231 ~~(e) Procedures, pursuant to s. 1006.28(2)(a)2., for a~~  
232 ~~parent to object to instructional materials and other materials~~  
233 ~~used in the classroom. Such objections may be based on beliefs~~  
234 ~~regarding morality, sex, and religion or the belief that such~~  
235 ~~materials are harmful. For purposes of this section, the term~~  
236 ~~"instructional materials" has the same meaning as in s.~~  
237 ~~1006.29(2) and may include other materials used in the~~  
238 ~~classroom, including workbooks and worksheets, handouts,~~  
239 ~~software, applications, and any digital media made available to~~  
240 ~~students.~~

241 (e)-(f) Procedures for a parent to learn about parental  
242 rights and responsibilities under general law, including all of  
243 the following:

244 1. Pursuant to s. 1002.20(3)(d), the right to opt his or  
245 her minor child out of any portion of the school district's  
246 comprehensive health education required under s. 1003.42(2)(o)  
247 that relates to sex education instruction in acquired immune  
248 deficiency syndrome education or any instruction regarding  
249 sexuality.

250 2. A plan to disseminate information, pursuant to s.

251 1002.20(6), about school choice options, including open  
252 enrollment.

253 3. In accordance with s. 1002.20(3)(b), the right of a  
254 parent to exempt his or her minor child from immunizations.

255 4. In accordance with s. 1008.22, the right of a parent to  
256 review statewide, standardized assessment results.

257 5. In accordance with s. 1003.57, the right of a parent to  
258 enroll his or her minor child in gifted or special education  
259 programs.

260 ~~6. In accordance with s. 1006.28(2)(a)1., the right of a~~  
261 ~~parent to inspect school district instructional materials.~~

262 6.7. In accordance with s. 1008.25, the right of a parent  
263 to access information relating to the school district's policies  
264 for promotion or retention, including high school graduation  
265 requirements.

266 7.8. In accordance with s. 1002.20(14), the right of a  
267 parent to receive a school report card and be informed of his or  
268 her minor child's attendance requirements.

269 8.9. In accordance with s. 1002.23, the right of a parent  
270 to access information relating to the state public education  
271 system, state standards, report card requirements, attendance  
272 requirements, and instructional materials requirements.

273 9.10. In accordance with s. 1002.23(4), the right of a  
274 parent to participate in parent-teacher associations and  
275 organizations that are sanctioned by a district school board or

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276 the Department of Education.

277 10.11. In accordance with s. 1002.222(1) (a), the right of  
278 a parent to opt out of any district-level data collection  
279 relating to his or her minor child not required by law.

280 **Section 3.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.