

House File 2163 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring school districts to make available to a parent
2 or guardian certain materials, and including effective date
3 provisions.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 279.70 Instructional materials
2 inspection.

3 The board of directors of a school district shall, upon
4 request by the parent or guardian of a student enrolled in the
5 school district, make available for inspection by the parent
6 or guardian the instructional materials used in the student's
7 classroom. If the instructional materials are available
8 digitally, the school district shall provide the parent or
9 guardian with instructions necessary to access the materials
10 and shall make a computer available to the parent or guardian
11 for purposes of inspecting the materials during regular school
12 hours.

13 Sec. 2. STATE MANDATE FUNDING SPECIFIED. In accordance
14 with section 25B.2, subsection 3, the state cost of requiring
15 compliance with any state mandate included in this Act shall
16 be paid by a school district from state school foundation aid
17 received by the school district under section 257.16. This
18 specification of the payment of the state cost shall be deemed
19 to meet all of the state funding-related requirements of
20 section 25B.2, subsection 3, and no additional state funding
21 shall be necessary for the full implementation of this Act
22 by and enforcement of this Act against all affected school
23 districts.

24 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE UPON ENACTMENT. This Act, being deemed of
25 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

26 EXPLANATION

27 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
28 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

29 This bill requires a school district, upon request of
30 the parent or guardian of a student enrolled in the school
31 district, to make available for inspection by the parent or
32 guardian the instructional materials used in the student's
33 classroom. If the materials are available digitally, the
34 school district must provide the parent or guardian with
35 instructions necessary to access the materials and make a

1 computer available to the parent or guardian for purposes of
2 inspecting the materials during regular school hours.

3 The bill may include a state mandate as defined in Code
4 section 25B.3. The bill requires that the state cost of
5 any state mandate included in the bill be paid by a school
6 district from state school foundation aid received by the
7 school district under Code section 257.16. The specification
8 is deemed to constitute state compliance with any state mandate
9 funding-related requirements of Code section 25B.2. The
10 inclusion of this specification is intended to reinstate the
11 requirement of political subdivisions to comply with any state
12 mandates included in the bill.

13 The bill takes effect upon enactment.