

**House File 2201 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to sexual orientation or gender identity  
2 instruction or related materials provided by school  
3 districts to pupils.

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

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 279.50B Sexual orientation or  
2 gender identity instruction.

3 1. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise  
4 requires:

5 a. "*Gender identity*" means the same as defined in section  
6 216.2.

7 b. "*Sexual orientation*" means the same as defined in section  
8 216.2.

9 2. Each school district that provides any program,  
10 curriculum, material, test, survey, questionnaire, activity,  
11 announcement, promotion, or instruction of any kind relating  
12 to sexual orientation or gender identity, whether offered as  
13 part of human growth and development instruction or any other  
14 area of instruction, shall annually provide to a parent or  
15 guardian of a pupil enrolled in the school district all of the  
16 following:

17 a. Information about the sexual orientation or gender  
18 identity program, curriculum, material, test, survey,  
19 questionnaire, activity, or instruction used in the pupil's  
20 grade level.

21 b. The procedure for inspecting any such related materials  
22 prior to use of such materials in the pupil's classroom.

23 c. Information regarding the procedure the parent or  
24 guardian must follow to request that the pupil be excused from  
25 such instruction and from receiving any related materials.

26 3. Each school district shall, upon request by any agency  
27 or organization, provide information about any program,  
28 curriculum, material, test, survey, questionnaire, activity  
29 or instruction of any kind related to sexual orientation or  
30 gender identity used in each grade level and the procedure for  
31 inspecting and updating the same.

32 4. A pupil shall not be required to take or participate in  
33 any program, curriculum, material, test, survey, questionnaire,  
34 activity, or instruction of any kind, whether offered as part  
35 of human growth and development instruction or any other

1 area of instruction, related to sexual orientation or gender  
2 identity if the pupil's parent or guardian exercises the  
3 parent's or guardian's right to file with the appropriate  
4 principal a written request that the pupil be excused.  
5 Notification that the written request may be made shall be  
6 included in information provided by the school district.

7 5. This section shall not be construed to require a school  
8 district to provide any activity, curriculum, materials, tests,  
9 survey, questionnaire, or instruction of any kind relating to  
10 sexual orientation or gender identity that is not otherwise  
11 required by law.

12 EXPLANATION

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

15 This bill requires school districts to provide notification  
16 and information relating to, and allows pupils to be excused  
17 from, any program, curriculum, material, test, survey,  
18 questionnaire, activity, announcement, promotion, or  
19 instruction of any kind relating to sexual orientation or  
20 gender identity.

21 The bill requires a school district that provides such  
22 instruction or related material to annually provide to a  
23 parent or guardian of a pupil enrolled in the school district  
24 with information about the instruction or material used in  
25 the pupil's grade level, the procedure for inspecting the  
26 materials prior to their use in the classroom, and information  
27 regarding the procedure the parent or guardian must follow to  
28 request that the pupil be excused from the instruction and from  
29 receiving any related materials.

30 The school district must, upon request by any agency or  
31 organization, provide information about such instruction and  
32 related materials and the procedure for inspecting and updating  
33 the same.

34 A pupil shall not be required to take or participate in any  
35 such instruction or receive related materials if the pupil's

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1 parent or guardian files with the appropriate principal a  
2 written request that the pupil be excused.

3 The bill shall not be construed to require a school district  
4 to provide any activity, instruction, or materials relating to  
5 sexual orientation or gender identity that is not otherwise  
6 required by law.