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H.B. No. 1658

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to parental access to records regarding library materials
3 checked out from public school libraries and instructional
4 materials used in public schools.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

6 SECTION 1. Section 26.004(b), Education Code, is amended to
7 read as follows:

8 (b) A parent is entitled to access to all written records of
9 a school district concerning the parent's child, including:

- 10 (1) attendance records;
- 11 (2) test scores;
- 12 (3) grades;
- 13 (4) disciplinary records;
- 14 (5) counseling records;
- 15 (6) psychological records;
- 16 (7) applications for admission;
- 17 (8) health and immunization information;
- 18 (9) teacher and school counselor evaluations;
- 19 (10) reports of behavioral patterns; ~~and~~
- 20 (11) records relating to assistance provided for
21 learning difficulties, including information collected regarding
22 any intervention strategies used with the child; and
- 23 (12) records relating to library materials checked out
24 by the child from a school library.

1 SECTION 2. Section 26.006, Education Code, is amended by
2 adding Subsection (f) to read as follows:

3 (f) Each school district and open-enrollment charter school
4 shall post on the home page of the district's or school's Internet
5 website a notice stating that a parent of a student enrolled in the
6 district or school is entitled to review the materials described by
7 Subsection (a)(1) and may request that the district or school make
8 the materials available for review as provided by this section.

9 SECTION 3. This Act applies beginning with the 2023-2024
10 school year.

11 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
12 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
13 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
14 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
15 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.