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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to parental access to records regarding library materials checked out from public school libraries and instructional materials used in public schools.

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

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

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

(1)  attendance records;

(2)  test scores;

(3)  grades;

(4)  disciplinary records;

(5)  counseling records;

(6)  psychological records;

(7)  applications for admission;

(8)  health and immunization information;

(9)  teacher and school counselor evaluations;

(10)  reports of behavioral patterns; [~~and~~]

(11)  records relating to assistance provided for learning difficulties, including information collected regarding any intervention strategies used with the child; and

(12)  records relating to library materials checked out by the child from a school library.

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

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

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

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