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S.B. No. 420

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a parent's right to access certain records regarding school library materials obtained by the parent's child and the option to receive notice each time the parent's child obtains a school library material.

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 school library materials the

1 child obtains from a school library.

2       SECTION 2. Chapter 26, Education Code, is amended by adding  
3 Section 26.017 to read as follows:

4       Sec. 26.017. NOTICE REGARDING SCHOOL LIBRARY MATERIALS.

5       (a) Before each school year, a school district shall provide  
6 written notice to a parent of each child enrolled in the district  
7 regarding the option to receive notice each time the child obtains a  
8 school library material from a school library in the district.

9       (b) For each parent who elects to receive notice under  
10 Subsection (a), the school district shall notify the parent by  
11 e-mail each time the parent's child obtains a school library  
12 material from a school library in the district. The notice must  
13 include, as applicable, the title, author, genre, and return date  
14 of the school library material.

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

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