House Bill 3419

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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure as introduced.

Directs district school boards to adopt policy for selecting and reviewing books and materials for school libraries. Prescribes requirements of policy.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to school library material.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. (1) Each district school board shall adopt a policy for selecting and reviewing books and materials for school libraries.

(2) The policy required under subsection (1) of this section must have a procedure by which:

(a) Parents have at least 30 days' notice before a book or material is made available at a school library;

(b) During the time identified in paragraph (a) of this subsection, parents are given the opportunity to submit a review of the book or material to the school district or submit concerns about a book or material to the school district;

(c) The school district takes into consideration information submitted under paragraph (b) of this subsection;

(d) Parents may request a review of the appropriateness of a specific book or material already available at a school library;

(e) A school district may determine that a book or material is not appropriate for all students of the school and may restrict access to the book or material; and

(f) Parents may choose to allow their child to access books or materials that have restricted access.

(3) Each school district shall make available on the school district's website:

(a) The policy the school district follows when determining which books and materials to make available at a school library, including any timelines and scheduled meetings to select or review books and materials; and

(b) Information about how parents may participate in the process of selecting and reviewing books or materials as provided by subsection (2)(b) and (d) of this section and how parents may choose to allow their child to access books or materials as provided by subsection (2)(f) of this section.

NOTE: Matter in boldfaced type in an amended section is new; matter [italic and bracketed] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in boldfaced type.

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