

SENATE BILL NO. 81

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Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:355(C) and (D)(1), relative to elementary and secondary
3 education; to provide for transparency and parental access to school-related
4 instructional materials in public schools; to provide parental in-person access to
5 certain printed instructional materials free-of-charge; to provide parental access to
6 certain online instructional materials free-of-charge; to allow local school boards to
7 develop policies for in-person viewing of certain academic tests or assessments; to
8 require each local school board to submit certain rules and policies to the state
9 Department of Education with respect to parental access to instructional materials;
10 to provide for reports to the legislature; to provide for definitions; and to provide for
11 related matters.

12 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

13 Section 1. R.S. 17:355(C) and (D)(1) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as
14 follows:

15 §355. Parental access to instructional materials

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17 C.(1) Each local school board shall adopt rules and policies for each school
18 to make instructional materials readily available for review as provided in this
19 Section. The rules ~~may~~ **shall** specify reasonable hours for **in-person** review. The
20 rules shall ~~provide~~ **require** that the school ~~shall~~ provide access to instructional
21 materials, **including online access,** to a parent upon request.

22 **(2)(a)** If a parent requests a paper copy of material that can be readily copied
23 using school equipment, such copy shall be provided. The rules shall establish

1 reasonable and customary fees to be collected by the school to cover the cost of
2 providing such copies.

3 (b) No fee shall be charged to a parent for in-person viewing of their
4 child's instructional materials if the parent does not request that copies are
5 made of those materials.

6 (c) No fee shall be imposed when a parent accesses instructional
7 materials online.

8 (d) No other provision of law or school board policy shall prohibit or
9 interfere with a parent's ability to make his own copies on school premises via
10 mobile or other device that has the capability of making copies. The principal of
11 each school shall ensure that the school complies with such rules.

12 (3) Assessments of academic knowledge, skills, or abilities, including
13 nonsecure tests, assessments, and assessment answer keys, may be made
14 available to parents at the discretion of the local school board and may include
15 only in-person viewing at the school.

16 (4) The requirement to provide online access to instructional materials
17 shall be limited to curricula that is adopted in accordance with R.S. 17:351.1.
18 Other instructional materials may be made available to a parent in-person in
19 accordance with local rules and policies adopted by the local school board.

20 (5)(a) Each local school board shall submit an electronic copy or a digital
21 link to rules and policies, that are adopted pursuant to this Section, to the state
22 Department of Education. The submission shall include the reasonable and
23 customary fee schedule which may be charged to the parent pursuant to this
24 Section.

25 (b) The department shall submit a report to the Senate Committee on
26 Education and the House Committee on Education by March 9, 2026, as to
27 compliance with this Section by the local school boards. The report shall include
28 a copy of each policy and the reasonable and customary fee schedules permitted
29 pursuant to this Section.

30 D. For purposes of this Section:

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