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HOUSE BILL NO. 75

BY REPRESENTATIVE HARRIS

CURRICULA: Requires each public school governing authority to post on its website information relative to instructional materials and activities for each school under its jurisdiction

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:354, relative to elementary and secondary education; to require each public  
3 school governing authority to post on its website certain information pertaining to  
4 instructional materials and activities; to provide for annual posting, updates, and  
5 parental notification; to specify the content of the information to be included; to  
6 provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 17:354 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §354. Public access to instructional materials and activities

10 A.(1) Each public school governing authority shall post prominently on its  
11 website:

12 (a) A list of materials and activities for each school under its jurisdiction,  
13 organized by school, subject area, grade level, and teacher. The list shall include  
14 bibliographic information for each item, including the title and author of the material  
15 and the organization associated with an activity and its Internet address, as  
16 applicable. In addition, the full text or a digital version of any material or activity  
17 created by the public school governing authority or a teacher shall be posted.

18 (b) Any policies and procedures for the documentation, review, or approval  
19 of such materials and activities.

1           (2) Each public school governing authority shall post the list by the first day  
2           of the school year and update it, at minimum, by January fifteenth annually and shall  
3           notify parents each time it is updated by posting notice on its website and providing  
4           notice in a newsletter or other written communication distributed to parents.

5           B. As used in this Section the following terms have the following meanings:

6           (1) "Activity" means a lecture, assembly, presentation, or other event used  
7           for student instruction that is facilitated or hosted by the public school governing  
8           authority or the school, including any such activity conducted by an outside  
9           individual or organization. "Activity" does not include presentations given by  
10          students.

11          (2) "Material" means a textbook or other material used for student  
12          instruction, including but not limited to any syllabi, outlines, handouts, presentations,  
13          and videos created by teachers.

14          (3) "Teacher" means a teacher employed by the public school governing  
15          authority.

16          (4) "Used for student instruction" means that the material or activity is  
17          assigned, distributed, or presented to students and meets at least one of the following  
18          criteria:

19           (a) It is used in a course for which students receive credit.

20           (b) The use of the material or attendance at the activity is required.

21           (c) At least a majority of students in a grade level are expected to use the  
22          material or attend the activity.

23           (d) It is among materials from which students are required to select one or  
24          more materials if the selection of materials is restricted to specific titles.

25          C. This Section shall not be construed to require a public school governing  
26          authority to post information about a material or activity in a manner that would  
27          constitute a copyright infringement.

1 D. The provisions of this Section are in addition to the authority granted to  
 2 parents to inspect textbooks and other instructional materials as provided in R.S.  
 3 17:355 and R.S. 17:406.9.

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5 §3996. Charter schools; exemptions; requirements

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7 B. Notwithstanding any state law, rule, or regulation to the contrary and  
 8 except as may be otherwise specifically provided for in an approved charter, a  
 9 charter school established and operated in accordance with the provisions of this  
 10 Chapter and its approved charter and the school's officers and employees shall be  
 11 exempt from all statutory mandates or other statutory requirements that are  
 12 applicable to public schools and to public school officers and employees except for  
 13 the following laws otherwise applicable to public schools with the same grades:

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15 (67) Public access to instructional materials and activities, R.S. 17:354.

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17 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
 18 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature  
 19 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If  
 20 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
 21 effective on the day following such approval.

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 are additions.

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**DIGEST**

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**Abstract:** Requires public school governing authorities to post on their websites information pertaining to instructional materials and activities.

Proposed law requires each public school governing authority to post prominently on its website:

- (1) A list of the materials and activities to be used for student instruction at each school under its jurisdiction during the school year, organized by school, subject area, grade level, and teacher.
- (2) Any policies and procedures in effect for the documentation, review, or approval of such materials and activities.

Proposed law requires the list to be posted by the first day of school each year and updated, at minimum, by Jan. 15 annually and for parents to be notified upon each update.

Proposed law provides that proposed law shall not be construed to require a public school governing authority to post information about a material or activity in a manner that would constitute a copyright infringement.

Proposed law is applicable to all public schools, including charter schools.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 17:354)