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HOUSE BILL NO. 356

BY REPRESENTATIVE AMEDEE

EDUCATION: Provides for the right of parents to access and examine lessons used in their child's education

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:355(D)(1) and 406.9(B)(1), relative to instructional materials;
3 to provide for parental access to instructional materials; to include lessons in the
4 instructional materials to which parents shall have access; to include examination of
5 lessons in the Parents' Bill of Rights; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 17:355(D)(1) and 406.9(B)(1) are hereby amended and reenacted to
8 read as follows:

9 §355. Parental access to instructional materials

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11 D. For purposes of this Section:

12 (1) "Instructional materials" means content that conveys the knowledge or
13 skills of a subject in the school curriculum through a medium or a combination of
14 media for conveying information to a student. It also includes any nonsecure test,
15 nonsecure assessment, or survey administered to a student. The term also includes
16 lessons, books, supplementary materials, teaching aids, computer software, magnetic
17 media, DVD, CD-ROM, computer courseware, online material, information, or
18 services, or an electronic medium or other means of conveying information to the
19 student or otherwise contributing to the learning process.

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1 §406.9. Parents' Bill of Rights for Public Schools

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3 B. Parents of public school children who have not reached the age of
4 majority shall have all of the following rights:

5 (1) To examine the lessons, textbooks, curriculum, and supplemental
6 material used in their child's classroom.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Adds lessons to the instructional materials parents are entitled to access and adds the examination of lessons to the Parents' Bill of Rights.

Present law provides that the parent of a child attending a public elementary or secondary school shall be entitled to access instructional materials, defined as follows:

- (1) Content that conveys the knowledge or skills of a subject in the school curriculum through a medium or a combination of media for conveying information to a student.
- (2) Any nonsecure test, nonsecure assessment, or survey administered to a student.
- (3) Books, supplementary materials, teaching aids, computer software, magnetic media, DVD, CD-ROM, computer courseware, online material, information, or services, or an electronic medium or other means of conveying information to the student or otherwise contributing to the learning process.

Proposed law provides that "instructional materials" also includes lessons.

Present law provides for the Parents' Bill of Rights for Public Schools, including the right to examine the textbooks, curriculum, and supplemental material used in their child's classroom. Proposed law adds lessons to this list.

(Amends R.S. 17:355(D)(1) and 406.9(B)(1))