Civics Transparency Act.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Driskill, Dockstader

A BILL for

AN ACT relating to K-12 public education; requiring publication of a list of all instructional material utilized by K-12 public schools; modifying the requirements for instruction of state and federal constitutions; and providing for an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:

Section 1. W.S. 21-3-134 is created to read:

21-3-134. Publication of instructional material.
(a) Not later than July 1, 2022, and each school year thereafter, each school district shall publish prominently on the school district's website the following:

(i) A list of the learning material and activities that were used for student instruction by the school district during the preceding school year, organized at minimum by school, grade and subject area;

(ii) Any policies or procedures governing the approval or consideration of the learning materials and activities utilized for student instruction by the local school board, school district administration or leadership or teachers.

(b) To comply with this section, a school district may post and update the list of learning material and activities on an ongoing basis over the course of a school year so long as the complete list is posted not later than July 1 following completion of the school year. A school district may utilize a collaborative online document or spreadsheet that allows multiple authorized users to update or make additions to posted content on an ongoing basis, so
long as a link to the list is publicly accessible on the school district's website.

(c) The list of learning material and activities shall remain on the school district's website not less than one (1) year after completion of the school year in which the learning material and activities were utilized.

(d) Nothing in this section shall be construed to require the digital reproduction of the learning material or activities or separate reporting of individual components of learning material or activities produced as a single volume, except that digital volumes of learning material or activities that contain works by multiple authors shall include a table of contents or internet addresses for each discreet learning material or activity contained within each volume.

(e) As used in this section:

(i) "Activities" include, but are not limited to assemblies, guest lectures or other educational events facilitated by the school district or school, including
those conducted by individuals not employed or associated with the school or school district, excluding student presentations.

(ii) "Learning material" includes, but is not limited to all textbooks, reading material, videos, digital materials, websites, assessments and other online applications.

(iii) "Used for student instruction" means assigned, distributed or otherwise presented to a student in any course for which a student receives academic credit or in any educational capacity in which participation of a student is required by a school or in which a majority of students for any given grade level are required to participate. This includes any materials from among which a student is required to select one (1) or more titles, if the available selection is restricted to specific titles.

Section 2. W.S. 21-3-110(a) by creating a new paragraph (xxxx) and 21-9-102 are amended to read:

21-3-110. Duties of boards of trustees.
(a) The board of trustees in each school district shall:

(xxxx) Publish instructional activities and learning material on the school district's website in accordance with W.S. 21-3-134.

21-9-102. Instruction in state and federal constitutions required; satisfactory examination a prerequisite to graduation.

(a) All schools and colleges in this state that are supported in any manner by public funds shall give instruction in the essentials of the United States constitution and the constitution of the state of Wyoming, including the study of and devotion to American institution and ideals, and no student shall receive a high school diploma, associate degree or baccalaureate degree without satisfactorily passing an examination on the principles of the constitution of the United States and the state of Wyoming. The instruction shall be given for at least three
(3) years in kindergarten through grade eight (8) and for one (1) year each in the secondary and college grades.

(b) Beginning school year 2022-23, and each school year thereafter, each school district within the state shall in grade four (4), and at subsequent intervals determined appropriate by the state board of education, give instruction in the following:

(i) The principles set forth in the first and second paragraphs and the last sentence of the declaration of independence and in article 1, sections 2 and 3 and article 6, section 1 of the Wyoming Constitution. Students shall be provided a copy of the provisions and class time shall be dedicated to discussion of the meaning of the provisions identified in this subparagraph;

(ii) That Wyoming was the first jurisdiction to provide men and women with the equal right to vote and hold a public office when Wyoming's first territorial legislature passed the measure by law in 1869;
(iii) The history of slavery and race based discrimination, to include the end of slavery and efforts to end discrimination in accordance with the founding principles of the United States;

(iv) That it is wrong to be unfair to anyone or treat anyone differently due to their race or ethnicity.

Section 3. This act is effective July 1, 2022.