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SENATE FILE NO. [BILL NUMBER]

Civics Transparency Act.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Driskill, Dockstader

A BILL

for

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

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

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

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11 **21-3-134. Publication of instructional material.**

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1 (a) Not later than July 1, 2022, and each school year
2 thereafter, each school district shall publish prominently
3 on the school district's website the following:

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

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

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

1 long as a link to the list is publicly accessible on the
2 school district's website.

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

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

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19 (e) As used in this section:

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21 (i) "Activities" include, but are not limited to
22 assemblies, guest lectures or other educational events
23 facilitated by the school district or school, including

1 those conducted by individuals not employed or associated
2 with the school or school district, excluding student
3 presentations.

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

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

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

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23 **21-3-110. Duties of boards of trustees.**

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2 (a) The board of trustees in each school district
3 shall:

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

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

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13 (a) All schools and colleges in this state that are
14 supported in any manner by public funds shall give
15 instruction in the essentials of the United States
16 constitution and the constitution of the state of Wyoming,
17 including the study of and devotion to American institution
18 and ideals, and no student shall receive a high school
19 diploma, associate degree or baccalaureate degree without
20 satisfactorily passing an examination on the principles of
21 the constitution of the United States and the state of
22 Wyoming. The instruction shall be given for at least three

1 (3) years in kindergarten through grade eight (8) and for
2 one (1) year each in the secondary and college grades.

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

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

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18 (ii) That Wyoming was the first jurisdiction to
19 provide men and women with the equal right to vote and hold
20 a public office when Wyoming's first territorial
21 legislature passed the measure by law in 1869;

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1 (iii) The history of slavery and race based
2 discrimination, to include the end of slavery and
3 efforts to end discrimination in accordance with the
4 founding principles of the United States;

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

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

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11 (END)

