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Committee: Education

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to schools; to amend section 79-532, Reissue
- 2 Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions related to school
- 3 policies on the involvement of parents, guardians, and educational
- 4 decisionmakers in schools; and to repeal the original section.
- 5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. Section 79-532, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is

- 2 amended to read:
- 3 79-532 (1) The policy required by section 79-531 shall include, but
- 4 need not be limited to, the following:
- 5 (a) How the school district will provide access to parents,
- 6 guardians, or educational decisionmakers concerning textbooks; tests;
- 7 activities information; digital materials; websites or applications used
- 8 for learning; training materials for teachers, administrators, and staff;
- 9 procedures for the review and approval of training materials, learning
- 10 materials, and activities; and other curriculum materials used in the
- 11 school district;
- 12 (b) How the school district will accommodate requests by parents,
- 13 guardians, or educational decisionmakers to attend and monitor courses,
- 14 assemblies, counseling sessions, and other instructional activities;
- 15 (c) Under what circumstances parents, guardians, or educational
- 16 decisionmakers may ask that their children be excused from testing,
- 17 classroom instruction, learning materials, activities, guest speaker
- 18 events, and other school experiences the parents, guardians, or
- 19 educational decisionmakers may find objectionable;
- 20 (d) How the school district will provide access to records of
- 21 students;
- (e) What the school district's testing policy will be; and
- 23 (f) How the school district participates in surveys of students and
- 24 the right of parents, guardians, or educational decisionmakers to remove
- 25 their children from such surveys; and -
- 26 <u>(g) A requirement that:</u>
- 27 <u>(i) If the school administers (A) a survey requesting that</u> students
- 28 provide sexual information, mental health information, medical
- 29 information, information on health-risk behaviors, religious information,
- 30 <u>information of political affiliation</u>, or any other information that the
- 31 school board deems to be sensitive in nature or (B) a nonanonymous survey

- 1 requesting students provide information relating to drug, vape, alcohol,
- 2 or tobacco use, the school district shall, at least fifteen days prior to
- 3 the administration of the survey, notify parents, guardians, and
- 4 educational decisionmakers of students that are to receive such survey.
- 5 Such notice shall be made through the school's electronic notification
- 6 system or by physical mail to the address on file for the student. Such
- 7 notice shall describe the nature and types of questions included in the
- 8 survey, the purposes and age-appropriateness of the survey, how
- 9 information collected by the survey will be used, who will have access to
- 10 such information, the steps that will be taken to protect student
- 11 privacy, and whether and how any findings or results of such survey will
- 12 be disclosed;
- 13 <u>(ii) Parents, guardians, and educational decisionmakers have the</u>
- 14 <u>right to: (A) Request that a copy of the survey be sent through the</u>
- 15 school's electronic notification system or physical mail to the address
- on file for the student, (B) review the survey in person at the school,
- 17 and (C) exempt their child from participating in the survey;
- 18 <u>(iii) Unless required by federal or state law or regulation, school</u>
- 19 personnel administering any such survey shall not disclose personally
- 20 <u>identifiable information of a child; and</u>
- 21 (iv) No survey requesting sexual information of a student shall be
- 22 administered to any student in kindergarten through grade six.
- 23 (2) Nothing in this section shall be construed to require disclosure
- 24 of information in violation of (a) the federal Family Educational Rights
- 25 and Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, 20 U.S.C. 1232g, or any federal
- 26 regulations and applicable guidelines adopted in accordance with such
- 27 act, as such act, regulations, and guidelines existed on January 1, 2024,
- 28 (b) the federal Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment of 1978, 20 U.S.C.
- 29 <u>1232h, as such section existed on January 1, 2025, (c) the federal</u>
- 30 Children's Online Privacy Protection Act of 1998, 15 U.S.C. 6501 et seq.,
- 31 <u>as such act existed on January 1, 2025, and (d) the federal Children's</u>

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1 Internet Protection Act, 47 C.F.R. 54.520, as such regulation existed on

- 2 <u>January 1, 2025</u>.
- 3 Sec. 2. Original section 79-532, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 4 Nebraska, is repealed.