

LEGISLATIVE BILL 390

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A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to schools; to require each school board of a public school district to adopt a policy relating to access by a parent, guardian, or educational decisionmaker to certain school library information.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. (1) For purposes of this section, educational decisionmaker has the same meaning as in section 79-530.

(2) Each school board of a public school district shall adopt a policy for implementation at the beginning of the 2026-27 school year, relating to the rights of a parent, guardian, or educational decisionmaker to access school library materials. Such policy shall:

(a) Require the creation of a catalog of all books in the school district's library, categorized by school building, which shall be accessible for viewing by a parent, guardian, or educational decisionmaker of a student attending such school district; and

(b) Provide the opportunity for a parent, guardian, or educational decisionmaker of a student to be notified when the student of such parent, guardian, or educational decisionmaker checks out a book from the school library by means of a website or application notification or by opting in to email notifications. Such notification shall include:

(i) The title of the book checked out by the student;

(ii) The name of the author of the book checked out by the student; and

(iii) The date the book checked out by the student is due to be returned to the school library.

(3) This section shall only apply to a school library that is located on school district property and shall not apply to any other public library regardless if such library contracts with a school district for use by students.