

AMENDMENTS TO LB71

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM833)

Introduced by Murman, 38.

1 1. Strike amendment 1 and insert the following new amendment:

2 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new  
3 sections:

4 Section 1. Section 79-530, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
5 amended to read:

6 79-530 (1) For purposes of sections 79-530 to 79-533 and sections 5  
7 to 9 of this act, educational decisionmaker means a person designated or  
8 ordered by a court to make educational decisions on behalf of a child.

9 (2) The Legislature finds and declares:

10 (a) (1) That parental involvement of parents, guardians, and  
11 educational decisionmakers is a key factor in the education of children;

12 (b) (2) That such individuals parents need to be informed of the  
13 educational practices affecting their children; and

14 (c) (3) That public schools should foster and facilitate access by  
15 such individuals to parental information about and involvement in  
16 educational practices affecting their children.

17 (3) It is the intent of the Legislature, through the enactment of  
18 sections 79-531 to 79-533 and sections 5 to 9 of this act, to strengthen  
19 the level of parental involvement and participation by parents,  
20 guardians, and educational decisionmakers in the public school system of  
21 the state.

22 Sec. 2. Section 79-531, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
23 amended to read:

24 79-531 (1) On or before July 1, 2025 1995, each public school  
25 district in the state shall develop and adopt a policy stating how the  
26 district will seek to involve parents, guardians, or educational

1 decisionmakers in the education of their children schools and the rights  
2 of each parent, guardian, or educational decisionmaker to: what parents'  
3 rights shall be relating to access to the schools,

4 (a) Access testing information, and curriculum; and matters.

5 (b) Request that a child be excused from specific instruction or  
6 activities.

7 (2) The policy of each public school district relating to how the  
8 district will seek to involve parents in the schools and what rights  
9 parents have relating to access to schools that is in effect prior to the  
10 effective date of this act shall remain in effect until a new policy is  
11 developed and adopted on or before July 1, 2025, pursuant to subsection  
12 (1) of this section.

13 Sec. 3. Section 79-532, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
14 amended to read:

15 79-532 (1) The policy required by section 79-531 shall include, but  
16 need not be limited to, the following:

17 (a) (1) How the school district will provide access to parents,  
18 guardians, or educational decisionmakers concerning textbooks; tests;  
19 activities information; digital materials; websites or applications used  
20 for learning; training materials for teachers, administrators, and staff;  
21 procedures for the review and approval of training materials, learning  
22 materials, and activities; and other curriculum materials used in the  
23 school district;

24 (b) (2) How the school district will accommodate handle requests by  
25 parents, guardians, or educational decisionmakers to attend and monitor  
26 courses, assemblies, counseling sessions, and other instructional  
27 activities;

28 (c) (3) Under what circumstances parents, guardians, or educational  
29 decisionmakers may ask that their children be excused from testing,  
30 classroom instruction, learning materials, activities, guest speaker  
31 events, and other school experiences the parents, guardians, or

1 educational decisionmakers may find objectionable;

2       (d) ~~(4)~~ How the school district will provide access to records of  
3 students;

4       (e) ~~(5)~~ What the school district's testing policy will be; and

5       (f) ~~(6)~~ How the school district participates in surveys of students  
6 and the right of parents, guardians, or educational decisionmakers to  
7 remove their children from such surveys.

8       (2) Nothing in this section shall be construed to require disclosure  
9 of information in violation of the federal Family Educational Rights and  
10 Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, 20 U.S.C. 1232g, or any federal  
11 regulations and applicable guidelines adopted in accordance with such  
12 act, as such act, regulations, and guidelines existed on January 1, 2024.

13       Sec. 4. Section 79-533, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
14 amended to read:

15       79-533 The policy required by section 79-531 shall be developed with  
16 ~~parental~~ input from parents, guardians, and educational decisionmakers  
17 and shall be the subject of a public hearing before the school board or  
18 board of education of the school district before adoption by the board.  
19 The policy shall be reviewed annually and either altered and adopted as  
20 altered or reaffirmed by the board following a public hearing. Any public  
21 hearing under this section shall include a reasonable opportunity for  
22 public comments.

23       Sec. 5. By August 1, 2025, each school district shall make the  
24 policy required by section 79-531 accessible on the school district's  
25 public website. The policy shall be accessible by a prominently displayed  
26 link on such website. If the policy is altered, the new version of the  
27 policy shall be made accessible within a reasonable time thereafter.

28       Sec. 6. To the extent practicable, each public school district  
29 shall make a reasonable effort to make any learning materials, including  
30 original materials, available for inspection by a parent, guardian, or  
31 educational decisionmaker upon request.

1           Sec. 7. (1) On or before August 1, 2026, each school district shall  
2 make a list of library books offered for checkout available as a  
3 downloadable list on the school district's website.

4           (2) Unless waived by the parent, guardian, or educational  
5 decisionmaker as prescribed in subdivision (d) of this subsection, a  
6 school district using digital library check-out software shall provide to  
7 each parent, guardian, or educational decisionmaker of a student an email  
8 communication when such student checks out a book. Such email  
9 notification shall include:

10           (a) The book's title;

11           (b) The author of the book;

12           (c) The date the book is due to be returned to the school district's  
13 library; and

14           (d) The ability to waive receipt of further email notifications  
15 pursuant to this section.

16           Sec. 8. (1) Beginning with the 2026-27 school year, each school  
17 district shall allow any student attending such school district or any  
18 parent, guardian, or educational decisionmaker of a student attending  
19 such school district to request the opportunity to provide a presentation  
20 at one meeting of the school board regarding any book in the school  
21 district's library or any material owned, possessed, or used by the  
22 school district and have such book or material reviewed.

23           (2) Following any presentation and review described in subsection  
24 (1) of this section, the school board shall make a determination relating  
25 to the availability or use of such book or material. The school district  
26 shall:

27           (a) Provide public notice relating to the book or material  
28 presentation and review with the public notice of the meeting at least  
29 one week before the meeting, including the time, date, and location of  
30 the meeting;

31           (b) Provide public notice detailing how a student, parent, guardian,

1 or educational decisionmaker may have a request pursuant to this section  
2 facilitated; and

3 (c) Specify that following the presentation and review the school  
4 board shall make a determination relating to the availability or use of  
5 such book or material.

6 Sec. 9. If the Commissioner of Education determines that any school  
7 district has intentionally refused, in a material manner, to comply with  
8 sections 79-530 to 79-533 and sections 5 to 8 of this act, the  
9 commissioner shall notify the school district of such determination of  
10 noncompliance and allow the school district a reasonable time to comply.  
11 If the commissioner determines, after such time has elapsed, that the  
12 school district is not in compliance and has not made a good faith  
13 attempt to comply, the commissioner shall take appropriate remedial  
14 action within the commissioner's authority, up to and including finding  
15 such noncompliance as a violation of the rules and regulations for the  
16 accreditation of schools.

17 Sec. 10. Original sections 79-530, 79-531, 79-532, and 79-533,  
18 Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.