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SYNOPSIS:

This bill would require each public preK-12 school to post the curricula for each class on the website of the school and would permit parents or guardians of enrolled students to examine instructional and supplemental materials used in the classroom upon request.

This bill would also provide for a complaint process and reporting requirements.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to public preK-12 education; to require the posting of classroom curricula on the website of the school; to permit parents or guardians of enrolled students, upon request, to examine instructional and supplemental materials used in the classroom; to provide a complaint process; and to provide for the reporting of the number of complaints to the State Superintendent of Education and the Legislature.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. (a) At the beginning of each school year, and no later than 30 calendar days after a new or revised



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curriculum is adopted, the local superintendent of education and local board of education shall verify that each school under the jurisdiction of the board has posted current adopted curricula for each class on the website of the school. Access to the online curricula shall be made available to students, parents, or guardians of enrolled students through the school website. If a school has no accessible website, the curricula shall be posted on the website of the local board of education or the State Department of Education.

(b) Each classroom teacher shall comply with the request of any parent, custodian, or guardian to examine additional instructional materials adopted by the local board of education, supplementary instructional materials in the classroom that were not adopted by the local board of education, and books in the classroom that are available for students to read, subject to all of the following:

(1) Only the parent or guardian of a child enrolled in the class may make a request pursuant to this subsection.

(2) The classroom teacher may require that the parent or guardian schedule an appointment to examine the instructional materials. If the classroom teacher requires an appointment, the classroom teacher shall schedule the appointment within 10 school days, to be held within 20 school days, after the request of the parent or guardian is submitted. The appointment shall be held during normal instructional hours.

(3) As part of the examination, and upon the request of the parent or guardian, the classroom teacher shall provide a



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57 detailed summary of how the instructional material relates to
58 the content standards adopted by the State Board of Education.

59 (c) For any class in which reading books is required,
60 the classroom teacher shall include the titles of the books on
61 a class syllabus. Upon the request of the parent or guardian
62 of a child enrolled in the class, the classroom teacher shall
63 make the syllabus available to the parent or guardian.

64 (d) If a classroom teacher fails to comply with this
65 section, the parent or guardian may file a complaint with the
66 local superintendent of education on a form developed and
67 provided by the local superintendent of education. If the
68 complaint is not resolved by the local superintendent of
69 education within 10 school days, the parent or guardian may
70 file a complaint with the State Superintendent of Education,
71 or his or her designee. The State Superintendent of Education
72 shall make a form available for parents or guardians to file a
73 complaint pursuant to this subsection.

74 (e) (1) On or before September 1 annually, each local
75 superintendent of education shall report the number of
76 complaints filed with him or her during the previous school
77 year to the State Superintendent of Education. On or before
78 October 1 annually, the State Superintendent of Education
79 shall report the total number of complaints filed during the
80 previous school year, statewide and by county, to the Chairs
81 of the Senate Education Policy Committee and the House of
82 Representatives Education Policy Committee.

83 (2) Any complaint filed by a parent or guardian
84 pursuant to this act is an educational record of the student



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85 on whose behalf the complaint was filed.

86 Section 2. This act shall become effective on June 1,

87 2024.