

HOUSE BILL No. 2236

By Committee on Education

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1 AN ACT concerning education; relating to school districts; establishing
2 parents' right to direct the education and upbringing of their children
3 including the right to object to harmful or inappropriate educational
4 materials and activities.

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6 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

7 Section 1. (a) Every parent of a child in this state has a right to direct
8 the education, upbringing and moral or religious training of such child.

9 (b) In accordance with the rights established under this section, each
10 parent of a student enrolled in any school district shall be permitted by
11 such school district to object to any educational materials or activities on
12 the basis that such material or activity harms the student or impairs the
13 parent's sincerely held beliefs, values or principles and to withdraw such
14 student from the class or educational program in which the material or
15 activity is being provided. No student's academic records shall be
16 adversely affected by withdrawal from a class or educational program
17 pursuant to this section.

18 (c) The board of education of each school district shall adopt policies
19 and procedures to guarantee the free exercise of the rights established
20 under this section by the parents of students enrolled in such school
21 district. Such policies and procedures shall include provisions for
22 implementing subsection (b).

23 (d) As used in this section:

24 (1) "Activities" includes any presentation, assembly, lecture or other
25 event facilitated by a school or school district. "Activities" does not
26 include student presentations.

27 (2) "Educational materials" includes, but is not limited to, curriculum,
28 textbooks, reading materials, videos, digital materials, websites, online
29 applications and any other material given or provided to a student for
30 student instruction.

31 (3) "Parent" means a parent, legal guardian or custodian or any other
32 person who has authority to act on behalf of a child.

33 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
34 publication in the statute book.