

HOUSE BILL No. 2141

By Committee on Education

Requested by Representative Estes

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1 AN ACT concerning education; relating to school districts; requiring
2 policies allowing parents to object to educational materials and
3 activities that are not included in approved curriculum or standards or
4 that impair a parent's beliefs, values or principles.
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6 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

7 Section 1. (a) The board of education of each school district shall
8 adopt a policy that allows a parent of a student enrolled in such school
9 district to object to any educational materials or activities on the basis that
10 such material or activity is not included in the approved district curriculum
11 or state educational standards or that such material or activity impairs the
12 parent's sincerely held beliefs, values or principles and to withdraw such
13 student from the class or educational program in which the material or
14 activity is being provided. Under such policy, no student's academic
15 records shall be adversely affected by withdrawal from a class or
16 educational program pursuant to such policy. Exemptions from required
17 instruction granted pursuant to such policy do not excuse a student from
18 the responsibility to complete comparable alternative assignments offered
19 to obtain credit in the course, the total semester hours required for
20 attendance or required courses for graduation. If an activity or resource
21 impairs a parent's belief or value, an agreed upon alternative activity or
22 resource shall be utilized. When appropriate, the student may remain in the
23 classroom, or a placement shall be provided to give the student
24 instructional support. Such policy shall include procedures for
25 implementation.

26 (b) As used in this section:

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

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

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

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