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House Bill 382 - PARENT/TEACHER EDUCATION BILL OF RIGHTS

Sectional Analysis

Section 1

Repeals and reenacts a parent's right to direct the education of the parent's child, to add that a public school shall:

Allow parents to review curriculum, books, and all instructional materials, to meet with each teacher of the child, to review the budget, to address the school board, to withdraw children from activities or programs, to provide consent for medical examinations, to access information about any plans to eliminate gifted and talented programs. Provide parents with information about all schools in which the student has the opportunity to enroll. Notify parents if the state alters the state academic standards. Notify parents if a school employee or contractor acts to change the child's gender markers, pronouns, or preferred name or allows the child to change the child's sex-based accommodations including locker rooms or bathrooms, or treats or advises regarding bullying, the child's mental health and any instance of self-harm or suicidal ideation, or specific threats to the safety of the child, the possession or use of drugs or other controlled substances by the child, or an eating disorder.

Section 2

Adds a new section of law to include the rights of teachers. Allows that a teacher may:

Establish and enforce classroom rules, remove a student from a classroom in accordance with the school's disciplinary and safety program, direct a disruptive or violent student to appropriate school personnel, assist in enforcing school rules while on school property, use reasonable force, to protect the teacher or other person from injury, communicate with parents in making disciplinary decisions.

A school shall: Provide a teacher with information regarding the disposition of a referral the teacher has made regarding a violation of classroom or school rules, provide immediate assistance to classroom management during an emergency or when a student becomes uncontrollable, respect the professional judgement and discretion of a teacher, treat a teacher with civility and respect, and provide leadership training and support to teachers.

A school or school district may not: Establish a policy that prevents a teacher from exercising their rights, require a teacher to fill out excessively burdensome paperwork, or adopt curricula and policies that conflict with the curricula and policies of the school's academic policy committee.

Section 3

Replaces school records law by narrowly specifying who has the right to a child's education records: parents or guardians, and in some circumstances law enforcement, child welfare or tribal caseworkers with access to a child's case plan, authorized US government officials, an entity or person designated under a grand jury subpoena or subpoena for law enforcement purposes or judicial order.

Section 4

Adds a new section to public school's law to require every public school to establish an academic policy committee, similar to that of a charter school, consisting of parents of students attending the school, teachers, and school employees. The academic policy committee shall select the principal of the school and select, appoint, and otherwise supervise the employees of the school. The academic policy committee is designated to supervise the academic operation of a public school.

Section 5

Removes from law the requirement that school boards appoint and otherwise control all school employees and administrative officers, consistent with adding an academic policy committee with that authority.

Section 6

Adds to school district disciplinary and safety programs that every school governing body must adapt that the body shall include in its written program procedures to address the physical safety and privacy of students in locker rooms and restrooms by requiring a student to use only facilities designed for members of the student's biological sex.

Section 7

Adds to uncodified law that this Act applies to contracts entered on or after the effective date of this act.

Section 8

Adds immediate effect.