

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1806

By: Representative Vaught

By: Senator J. Dotson

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO PROVIDE CURRICULUM TRANSPARENCY FOR PARENTS OF KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE TWELVE STUDENTS; TO REQUIRE THE DIVISION OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION TO CREATE AN ONLINE PORTAL FOR PARENTS, FACULTY, AND STAFF TO ACCESS SCHOOL INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS; TO ALLOW A PARENT TO REVIEW AND OPT OUT OF SELECTED LIBRARY MEDIA MATERIALS FOR HIS OR HER CHILD; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO PROVIDE CURRICULUM TRANSPARENCY FOR PARENTS OF KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE TWELVE STUDENTS; AND TO ALLOW A PARENT TO REVIEW AND OPT OUT OF SELECTED LIBRARY MEDIA MATERIALS FOR HIS OR HER CHILD.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-16-103 is amended to read as follows:

6-16-103. Course of study generally – Online portal required –

Definitions.

(a) There shall be taught in all of the ~~public or elementary~~ schools ~~of~~ in this state subjects that may be designated by the State Board of Education or as required by law.

(b) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the inclusion of additional subjects in the state course of study or in any



course formulated for a ~~school~~ district and approved by the state board.

(c)(1) The Division of Elementary and Secondary Education shall establish and maintain a statewide, centralized, easily accessible online portal for parents, school faculty, and school staff to access instructional materials, if funding is available.

(2) The portal required by subdivision (c)(1) of this section shall provide curriculum transparency that enables a parent to:

(A) Search and view instructional materials that are searchable by district, school, and grade level;

(B) Review summaries of the content of each textbook used by a district;

(C) Search and view the full content of each textbook used by a district;

(D) Search and view library media materials used by each school in a district; and

(E) Review a school's library media materials and opt out his or her child from accessing library media materials the parent does not wish to be available for his or her child.

(3) The portal required by subdivision (c)(1) of this section shall enable a school administrator, school faculty member, and school staff member to:

(A) Have uniform access to Arkansas school standards in a single repository to ensure transparency and reduce ambiguity; and

(B) Reduce school employee workload by placing all instructional materials in a centralized, searchable database.

(4) The portal required by subdivision (c)(1) of this section shall enable a school administrator to comply with changing rules and requirements by creating a database that contains school policies and automatically updates based on changing rules and requirements.

(d) As used in this section:

(1) "District" means an Arkansas public kindergarten through grade twelve (K-12) school district;

(2) "Instructional material" means a textbook, workbook, library book, a library media material, a laboratory material, computer software, video, or tape;

(3) "Library media material" means print and nonprint material

that is collected, processed, and stored by a school library media center and that is available for student use;

(4) "Parent" means a parent, legal guardian, or person standing in loco parentis to a child; and

(5) "School" means a public kindergarten through grade twelve (K-12) school within a district.

SECTION 2. DO NOT CODIFY. Implementation.

The Division of Elementary and Secondary Education shall provide the portal required under § 6-16-103(c) no later than January 15, 2026, if funding is available.

/s/Vaught