

HB 1450 -- CURRICULUM TRANSPARENCY

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Beginning in the 2025-26 school year, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education(DESE) will develop an easy-to-search database tool that provides access to the course syllabus, curricula, and textbook information for each school district in the State.

School districts must submit updates every six months and DESE will update and maintain the tool monthly. Specific information required for each item is provided in the bill and includes internet links to curriculum and bibliographic information for textbooks.

The bill also requires that public institutions of higher education provide access to information about college textbooks and materials used in courses offered by the institutions. Each institution must establish an easy-to-search database tool that will provide access to the course syllabus and textbook information for each course of study. Faculty members must update the database and institutions must update at least every six-months.

Protections for copyright are also provided in the bill.