

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 2417

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE LOY.

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JOSEPH ENGLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 161, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to a parents' bill of rights.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 161, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be
2 known as section 161.1140, to read as follows:

161.1140. 1. **This section shall be known and may be cited as the "Parents' Bill
2 of Rights Act of 2026".**

2. **No school district or charter school shall deny to the parent or guardian of a
4 minor child any or all of the following rights:**

5 (1) **The right to fully review, upon request, and make copies of, the curricula,
6 books, and other educational materials used by the school attended by their minor child.
7 This right shall be understood to:**

8 (a) **Include a right to affirmative disclosure of class syllabi and reading lists to
9 the parent or guardian of a minor child by the school attended by their minor child; and**

10 (b) **Prohibit a requirement that an individual sign a nondisclosure agreement as
11 a condition of viewing curricular materials;**

12 (2) **The right to access information, upon request, about who is teaching their
13 minor child including, but not limited to, guest lecturers and outside presenters. This
14 right shall be understood to prohibit schools from permitting or requiring the
15 attendance of minor children at school assemblies, field trips, and other extracurricular
16 activities that pertain to diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives, absent affirmative
17 consent from their parent or guardian;**

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [~~thus~~] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

18 **(3) The right to access financial information, upon request, on all third-party**
19 **individuals and organizations that receive contracts or other funding through the school**
20 **attended by their minor child, provided that no personally identifiable information**
21 **about any student shall be released;**

22 **(4) The right to visit their minor child at school during school hours subject to**
23 **rules and regulations established by the school;**

24 **(5) The right to access all student records pertaining to their minor child**
25 **generated by the school attended by their minor child or the school district that serves**
26 **such school that concerns their minor child;**

27 **(6) The right to receive information, upon request, about the collection of their**
28 **minor child's data and transmission of such data to entities outside the school district or**
29 **charter school;**

30 **(7) The right to be heard at school board meetings or other governance hearings**
31 **pertaining to the school attended by their minor child or the school district that serves**
32 **such school. This right shall be understood to require that school board meetings or**
33 **other governance hearings pertaining to curricula and school safety be conducted**
34 **publicly and allow for public comments;**

35 **(8) The right to be notified of situations affecting the safety of their minor child**
36 **at school. This right shall be understood to require, but is not limited to requiring, that**
37 **schools notify parents or guardians within forty-eight hours of any or all of the following**
38 **incidents that result in arrest:**

39 **(a) Physical assaults occurring on school premises;**

40 **(b) Sexual assaults occurring on school premises;**

41 **(c) Appearances of a deadly weapon, as such term is described in section**
42 **556.061, on school premises;**

43 **(d) Drug use or possession on school premises;**

44 **(e) Police investigations on school premises; and**

45 **(f) Felonies committed by teachers or other school or school district employees,**
46 **whether such offenses were committed on or off the campus of a school; and**

47 **(9) The right to object to the instructional materials pertaining to diversity,**
48 **equity, and inclusion used in their child's classroom based on the parent's beliefs that**
49 **such materials are inappropriate for whatever reason and to be assured that such**
50 **objectionable materials are not taught to the parent's child.**

51 **3. Any person who is denied one or more of the rights identified in subsection 2**
52 **of this section may bring a complaint with the prosecuting attorney of a county in which**

53 the school district operates. The prosecuting attorney may bring a civil action in a court
54 of competent jurisdiction to obtain injunctive relief.

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