AN ACT concerning education; relating to schools and school districts; establishing the parents' bill of rights.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. (a) The provisions of this section shall be known and may be cited as the parents' bill of rights.

(b) The legislature finds that a quality education is central to a child's development and long-term success in life and that a parent has a right to direct the upbringing, education and care of the parent's child. The legislature further finds that a parent shall have the right to play a central role in a child's education, to obtain critical information about what is being taught or provided in the classroom and to take action when a parent feels that the quality or content of a child's education does not align with the values and expectations the parent expects and deserves.

(c) Every parent of a child in this state shall have a right to direct the upbringing, education, care and mental health of the parent's child. The following parental rights are reserved to each parent of a child in this state:

(1) The right to direct the education and care of such child;

(2) the right to direct the upbringing and the moral or religious training of such child;

(3) the right to request, access and inspect all written and electronic records maintained by a school relating to such child;

(4) the right to be informed of and inspect the curriculum, instructional materials and any other materials that are made available or taught to such child in the child's school;

(5) the right to attend publicly designated meetings of the local school board and the right to question and address school officials during designated public comment periods or through letters, electronic communications or in-person meetings;

(6) the right to make healthcare and medical decisions for such child, including the right to make decisions regarding vaccinations and immunizations;

(7) the right to expect that such child, and each teacher and educator of such child, shall not be compelled to affirm, believe, profess or adhere to any idea that violates the civil rights act of 1964;

(8) the right to expect that no course of instruction or unit of study
shall direct or otherwise compel the child to personally affirm, adopt or
adhere to any idea that violates the civil rights act of 1964;
(9) the right to expect that the child's school shall not contract for
teacher professional development with providers that promote racially
essentialist doctrines or practices that have been held to violate the civil
rights act of 1964;
(10) the right to expect that each teacher and educator of such child
will endeavor to present facts without distortion, bias or personal
prejudice;
(11) the right to expect that each teacher and educator of such child
shall work to eliminate coercion that forces teachers and educators to
support actions and ideologies that violate individual professional
integrity; and
(12) the right to assert any other inalienable or constitutional right
that is reserved to the parent and the child pursuant to state or federal law.
(d) The board of education of each school district shall develop and
adopt policies to guarantee a parent's right to be involved in a child's
education. Such policies shall be developed in consultation with parents,
teachers and school administrators and shall include policies and
procedures for a parent to:
(1) Be informed of and have the ability to inspect any materials,
activities, curriculum, lessons, syllabi, surveys, tests, questionnaires,
examinations, books, magazines, handouts, professional development and
training materials and any other materials or activities that are provided to
the parent's child;
(2) inspect and review any educational or health records maintained
by the school that pertain to the parent's child;
(3) object to any learning material or activity on the basis that such
material or activity harms the child or impairs the parent's firmly held
beliefs, values or principles and withdraw such child from the activity,
class or program in which the material is used; and
(4) challenge the material or educational benefit of any book,
magazine or any other material available to students in the school library
such that a successful challenge results in the removal of the book,
magazine or material from the school.
Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
publication in the statute book.