

Parents' Bill of Rights; SB 58

SB 58 establishes the Parents' Bill of Rights.

The bill states that all parents have a right to direct the upbringing, education, care, and mental health of their child. The bill also enumerates 12 rights reserved by the State for parents with regard to their child. Such enumerated rights include, but are not to be limited to, the right to direct the education and care of the parent's child and the right to direct the upbringing and moral or religious training of the parent's child.

The bill requires the board of education of each school district to develop and adopt policies to guarantee parents' rights. Such policies include a parent's ability to:

- Be informed of and inspect any materials, activities, curriculum, syllabi, surveys, questionnaires, books, magazines, handouts, professional development and training materials, and other materials provided to the parent's child;
- Inspect and review all educational and health records of the parent's child maintained by the school district;
- Object to any learning material or activity based upon harm to the child or impairment of the parent's firmly held beliefs, values, or principles and withdraw the parent's child from said activity; and
- Challenge the material or educational benefit of any book, magazine, or other material available to students in the school library, the successful result of which is to lead to the removal of the item from the school.

The bill defines the term "parent" as a parent, guardian, custodian, or any other person who has authority to act on behalf of a child.