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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 1949

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Education Innovation Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to education; requiring a school board to publicly inform parents of a
1.3 decision to keep available instructional materials a parent considers harmful to
1.4 minors; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 120B.20.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 120B.20, is amended to read:

1.7 **120B.20 PARENTAL CURRICULUM REVIEW.**

1.8 (a) Each school district shall have a procedure for a parent, guardian, or an adult
1.9 student, 18 years of age or older, to review the content of the instructional materials
1.10 in a school library, media center, or classroom to be provided to a minor child or to an
1.11 adult student and, if the parent, guardian, or adult student objects to the content, to make
1.12 reasonable arrangements with school personnel for alternative instruction. Alternative
1.13 instruction may be provided by the parent, guardian, or adult student if the alternative
1.14 instruction, if any, offered by the school board does not meet the concerns of the parent,
1.15 guardian, or adult student. The school board is not required to pay for the costs of
1.16 alternative instruction provided by a parent, guardian, or adult student. School personnel
1.17 may not impose an academic or other penalty upon a student merely for arranging
1.18 alternative instruction under this section. School personnel may evaluate and assess the
1.19 quality of the student's work.

1.20 (b) If a parent, guardian, or an adult student reviewing the content of instructional
1.21 materials under paragraph (a) objects to the content and notifies district personnel that the
1.22 person considers the content sexually explicit or obscene and therefore harmful to minors,
1.23 and the district continues to make the instructional materials available to students after
1.24 receiving the parent's notice, the school board of the school district must explain on the

2.1 district Web site and at the next regularly scheduled school board meeting why the district
2.2 continues to make the instructional materials available to students. The name of and other
2.3 personally identifiable data on the parent, guardian, or adult student who reviewed the
2.4 content and considers it sexually explicit or obscene and therefore harmful to minors is
2.5 private data on individuals as defined in section 13.02, subdivision 12.

2.6 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.