

IN THE SENATE

SENATE BILL NO. 1096

BY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1 RELATING TO PARENTAL RIGHTS IN EDUCATION; AMENDING TITLE 33, IDAHO CODE, BY
2 THE ADDITION OF A NEW CHAPTER 46, TITLE 33, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH PRO-
3 VISIONS RELATING TO PARENTAL RIGHTS IN EDUCATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN
4 ANNUAL NOTICE OF PARENTAL RIGHTS.
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6 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

7 SECTION 1. That Title 33, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended
8 by the addition thereto of a NEW CHAPTER, to be known and designated as Chap-
9 ter 46, Title 33, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

10 CHAPTER 46

11 PARENTAL RIGHTS IN EDUCATION

12 33-4601. PARENTAL RIGHTS. (1) A student's parent or guardian is the
13 primary person responsible for the education of the student, and the state is
14 in a secondary and supportive role to the parent or guardian.

15 (2) School districts and the boards of directors of public char-
16 ter schools, in consultation with parents, teachers and administrators,
17 shall develop and adopt a policy to promote the involvement of parents and
18 guardians of children enrolled in the schools within the school district or
19 the charter school, including:

20 (a) A plan for parent participation in the schools that is designed to
21 improve parent and teacher cooperation in such areas as homework, at-
22 tendance and discipline;

23 (b) A process by which parents may learn about the course of study for
24 their children and review learning materials, including the source of
25 any supplemental educational materials; and

26 (c) A process by which parents who object to any learning material or
27 activity on the basis that it is harmful may withdraw their children
28 from the activity or from the class or program in which the material is
29 used. Objection to a learning material or activity on the basis that
30 it is harmful includes objection to a material or activity because it
31 questions beliefs or practices in sex, morality or religion.

32 33-4602. ANNUAL NOTICE OF PARENTAL RIGHTS. School districts and the
33 boards of directors of public charter schools shall annually notify a parent
34 or guardian of a student enrolled in the school district or public charter
35 school of the parent's or guardian's rights as specified in this chapter.