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AMENDMENT MEMO



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Assembly Bill 488 requires a school district to post on its website the learning materials and educational activities used for student instruction at each school during the school year, organized by subject area, grade level, and teacher. The posting must include bibliographic information for identifying specific learning materials, including textbooks, curricula, and educational activities, as well as the full text of any school or teacher-created lesson plans, presentations, or videos.

School districts must also post any district policies or procedures for reviewing or approving these materials and activities. School districts must update the posting of learning materials, educational activities, and policies at least twice each school year – the first by the beginning of the year and the second by January 15.

The bill creates a private enforcement mechanism allowing any school district resident to file an action asking the court to order the school board to comply with the posting requirements. If the resident prevails, then the court must award the resident reasonable attorney fees up to \$15,000.

ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 1

Assembly Amendment 1 changes the required materials that a school district must post to exclude teacher lesson plans, but to include syllabi, outlines, and handouts created by the school board or a teacher.

BILL HISTORY

Assembly Amendment 1 was introduced by Representative Behnke on September 20, 2021. On September 22, 2021, the Assembly Committee on Education adopted Assembly Amendment 1 and recommended passage of the bill, as amended, on votes of Ayes, 10; Noes, 5.

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