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1 AN ACT Relating to authorizing parents to inspect classroom
2 materials; and adding a new section to chapter 28A.605 RCW.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.605
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 (1) A parent has a right to inspect classroom materials. Upon the
7 written request or personal appearance of a parent or legal guardian of
8 a student, a public school shall make available for inspection by the
9 parent or legal guardian, during school hours, any classroom
10 instructional materials, including textbooks, teacher manuals, library
11 books, films, videotapes, audio tapes, computer programs, supplementary
12 materials, or any other materials associated with the education or
13 instruction of the student by the school. Materials physically located
14 in the school must be made available within five working days of the
15 request. Materials within the school district must be made available
16 within fourteen working days of the request.

17 (2) A parent may inspect all instructional materials including
18 teachers' manuals, tapes, or other supplementary materials, or

1 instructional materials that may be used by any quest speaker, in
2 presenting any of the components of subsection (1) of this section.

3 (3) Employees of a school district may not encourage a student to
4 withhold materials or other information concerning classroom
5 activities, tests, discussions, or programs from his or her parents.

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