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1 AN ACT Relating to authorizing parents to inspect classroom
2 materials; and adding a new section to chapter 28A.320 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.320
5 RCW to read as follows:

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

17 (2) A student may attend or participate in any public school-
18 sponsored class, program, or activity that concerns suicide or
19 euthanasia, or includes human sexuality issues dealing with sex

1 education, sexually transmitted diseases, contraception, or sexual
2 orientation, if the school has on file a signed confirmation from the
3 parent that the parent has received notification that the class,
4 program, or activity concerns suicide or euthanasia, or includes human
5 sexuality issues dealing with sex education, sexually transmitted
6 diseases, contraception, or sexual orientation and the parent approves
7 of his or her child's participation in the specific class, program, or
8 activity. A school or school district may comply with the notification
9 requirement in this section by notifying the parent at least once per
10 school year of the planned classes, programs, or activities.

11 (3) A parent may inspect all instructional materials including
12 teachers' manuals, tapes, or other supplementary materials, or
13 instructional materials that may be used by any guest speaker, in
14 presenting any of the components of subsection (1) of this section.

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

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