

By: Senator(s) England

To: Education

SENATE BILL NO. 2182

1 AN ACT TO CREATE THE ACADEMIC TRANSPARENCY ACT OF 2025; TO
 2 REQUIRE EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL TO LIST ON A PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE
 3 PORTION OF ITS WEBSITE THE LEARNING MATERIALS AND ACTIVITIES THAT
 4 WERE USED FOR STUDENT INSTRUCTION AT THE SCHOOL DURING THE MOST
 5 RECENTLY COMPLETED SCHOOL YEAR; TO REQUIRE A SCHOOL TO LIST ONLY
 6 THE INFORMATION NECESSARY TO IDENTIFY THE SPECIFIC LEARNING
 7 MATERIALS AND ACTIVITIES USED FOR INSTRUCTION; TO ALLOW SCHOOL
 8 BOARDS WITH FEWER THAN 500 STUDENTS TO BE EXEMPT FROM THE
 9 REQUIREMENTS OF THE ACT; TO SET CERTAIN EXEMPTIONS THAT THE ACT
 10 SHALL NOT BE CONSTRUED TO DO; TO SET CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS OF THE
 11 ACT; TO AUTHORIZE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, COUNTY ATTORNEY OF THE
 12 COUNTY IN WHICH AN ALLEGED VIOLATION OCCURRED, OR A RESIDENT OF
 13 THE SCHOOL DISTRICT TO BRING AN ACTION FOR INJUNCTIVE RELIEF WHEN
 14 AN ALLEGED VIOLATION OF THE ACT HAS OCCURRED; TO REQUIRE CERTAIN
 15 PROCEDURES FOR THE PURCHASING OF LEARNING MATERIALS; AND FOR
 16 RELATED PURPOSES.

17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

18 **SECTION 1.** This act shall be known and may be cited as the
 19 "Academic Transparency Act of 2025."

20 **SECTION 2.** For purposes of this act, unless the context
 21 requires otherwise, the following terms shall have the meanings
 22 ascribed herein:

23 (a) "Learning materials" includes, but is not limited
 24 to:



25 (i) Textbooks, reading materials, videos, digital
26 materials, websites and other online applications; and

27 (ii) Works created by a teacher or staff member
28 employed under the authority of the school's governing board,
29 including syllabi, outlines, handouts, presentations and
30 audio or video materials.

31 (b) "Used for student instruction" means:

32 (i) Assigned, distributed or otherwise presented
33 to students in any course for which students receive academic
34 credit or in any educational capacity in which participation of
35 the student body is required by the school or in which a majority
36 of students in a given grade level participate; and

37 (ii) Any materials that students are required to
38 select, if the available selection is restricted to specific
39 titles.

40 (c) "Activities" includes, but is not limited to,
41 assemblies, guest lectures or other educational events facilitated
42 by the institution's staff, including those conducted by outside
43 individuals or organizations, but excluding student presentations.

44 **SECTION 3.** (1) Each public school in this state shall
45 prominently list on a publicly accessible portion of its website,
46 by July 1, 2026, the following information:

47 (a) The learning materials and activities that were
48 used for student instruction at the school during the most



49 recently completed school year, organized at a minimum by subject
50 area and grade; and

51 (b) Any procedures in effect for the documentation,
52 review or approval by the principal, administrators
53 or other teachers regarding the learning materials and activities
54 used for student instruction at the school.

55 (2) A school shall be required to list only the information
56 necessary to identify the specific learning materials and
57 activities used for instruction, including the title and the
58 author, organization or internet address associated with each
59 material and activity.

60 (3) A school shall not be required to list learning
61 materials and activities pursuant to this section under any of
62 the following circumstances:

63 (a) If the school's governing board is responsible for
64 the operation of schools with fewer than five hundred (500)
65 students cumulatively; and

66 (b) If the materials or activities are selected
67 independently by instructors at a school site with fewer than
68 fifty (50) students enrolled.

69 (4) Each school with a catalog or documented inventory of
70 the resources available to students in its school library shall
71 post on a publicly accessible portion of its website the listing
72 of available resources.



73 (5) This section shall not be construed to require a school
74 to post or distribute a learning material or educational activity
75 in a manner that would constitute an infringement of copyright
76 under federal or state law.

77 (6) Nothing in this section shall be construed to require
78 either:

79 (a) The digital reproduction of the materials
80 themselves; or

81 (b) The separate reporting of individual components of
82 materials produced as a single volume, except that, for digital
83 volumes containing works by multiple authors, the school shall
84 provide either a table of contents or an internet address
85 disclosing the discreet works and authors contained within the
86 volume.

87 **SECTION 4.** (1) To prepare and host the listing of materials
88 and activities under Section 3 of this act, a school may:

89 (a) Post and update the listing of learning materials
90 and activities on an ongoing basis during each school year,
91 provided the listing is completed by July 1 following the
92 completion of the school year; and

93 (b) Utilize collaborative online document or
94 spreadsheet software that allows multiple authorized users to
95 update or make additions to posted content on an ongoing basis, as
96 long as a link to the listing is publicly accessible via the
97 school website.



98 (2) The listing of materials for each school year shall
99 remain available via the school website until at least the
100 completion of the following year's listing.

101 **SECTION 5.** The Attorney General, the county attorney for the
102 county in which an alleged violation of this section occurred, or
103 a resident of the school district in which the school is located
104 may bring an action for injunctive relief in the circuit court in
105 which the school is located to compel the governing board of the
106 school to bring the school into compliance with this act.

107 **SECTION 6.** (1) The school board of the school or any staff
108 employed thereby and acting in the course of its official duties
109 shall not purchase or contract for copyrighted digital learning
110 materials used for student instruction at the school, including
111 the renewal of subscription-based materials for which students are
112 provided individual login credentials or access via electronic
113 personal devices, unless provision is made, at least thirty (30)
114 days before such purchase, contract or renewal, to allow parents
115 and guardians of enrolled students to review the materials within
116 ten (10) days of the submission of a written request to the
117 school. The means of provision shall include at least one (1) of
118 the following:

119 (a) Providing access to the materials at the school
120 site during the school's normal hours of operation within ten (10)
121 days of a written request; or



122 (b) Providing temporary remote access or login
123 credentials to at least one (1) copy of the materials for review
124 for at least a twenty-four-hour period following each request, not
125 to exceed one (1) request per item per household during each
126 thirty-day period.

127 (2) The parent or guardian shall not be required as a
128 condition of reviewing the materials to enter into terms of a
129 nondisclosure agreement or to waive any rights beyond complying
130 with federal copyright law.

131 **SECTION 7.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
132 and after July 1, 2025.

