

SHAC Information

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Student Health Advisory Council (SHAC) and Human Sexuality Instruction SHAC Meeting Notifications

Mandates that the SHAC, at least 72 hours before each meeting, post notice of the date, hour, place, and subject of the meeting on a bulletin board in the central administrative office of each campus in the district and ensure that the notice is posted on the district's internet website if the district has a website.

SHAC Meeting Minutes/Audio/Video

Mandates the SHAC prepare and maintain minutes of the meeting that state the subject and content of each deliberation and each vote, order, decision, or other action taken during the meeting; and, make an audio or video recording of the meeting, and not later than the 10th day after the meeting, submit the minutes and audio or video recording of the meeting to the district. Requires, as soon as practicable after receipt of the minutes and audio or video recording, the school district to post the minutes and audio or video recording on the district's internet website, if the district has a website.

The Board of Trustees

Requires the board of trustees to adopt a policy establishing a process for the adoption of curriculum materials for the school district's human sexuality instruction. Mandates the policy require: (1) the board to adopt a resolution convening the local SHAC for the purpose of making recommendations regarding the curriculum materials; (2) the local SHAC to: (A) after the board's adoption of the resolution, hold at least two public meetings on the curriculum materials before adopting recommendations; and (B) provide the adopted recommendations to the board at a public meeting; and (3) the board, to act on the adoption of the recommendations by a record vote at a public meeting.

Curriculum Materials on Human Sexuality Instruction

Requires proposed curriculum materials to be adopted for the school district's human sexuality instruction be made available, as applicable. Mandates that before adopting curriculum materials for the school district's human sexuality instruction, the board of trustees ensure that the curriculum materials are: (1) based on the advice of the local SHAC; (2) suitable for the subject and grade level for which the

curriculum materials are intended; and (3) reviewed by academic experts in the subject and grade level for which the curriculum materials are intended. Requires the board of trustees to determine the specific content of the district's instruction in human sexuality, in accordance with this section.

Written Notice to Parent

Mandates that before each school year, a school district provide written notice to a parent of each student enrolled in the district of the board of trustees' decision regarding whether the district will provide human sexuality instruction to district students. Requires the notice to include: (1) a statement informing the parent of the human sexuality instruction requirements under state law; (2) a detailed description of the content of the district's human sexuality instruction and a general schedule on which the instruction will be provided; (3) a statement of the parent's right to: (A) at the parent's discretion, review or purchase a copy of curriculum materials; (B) remove the student from any part of the district's human sexuality instruction without subjecting the student to any disciplinary action, academic penalty, or other sanction imposed by the district or the student's school; and (C) use the grievance procedure or the appeals process under TEC, Section 7.057 concerning a complaint of a violation of this section; (4) a statement that any curriculum materials in the public domain used for the district's human sexuality instruction be posted on the district's internet website, if the district has a website, and the website address at which the curriculum materials are located; and (5) information describing the opportunities for parental involvement in the development of the curriculum to be used in human sexuality instruction, including information regarding the local SHAC. Allows a parent to use the grievance procedure adopted under TEC, Section 26.011 concerning a complaint of a violation of this section.

Written Consent of Parent

Mandates that before a student is provided with human sexuality instruction, a school district obtain the written consent of the student's parent. Requires that a request for written consent under this subsection: (1) may not be included with any other notification or request for written consent; and (2) be provided to the parent not later than the 14th day before the date on which the human sexuality instruction begins. Expires this subsection August 1, 2024.

Curriculum Materials Accessibility

Requires a school district to make all curriculum materials used in the district's human sexuality

instruction available. Requires for curriculum materials in the public domain: (A) provision of a copy of the curriculum materials by mail or email to a parent of a student enrolled in the district at the parent's request; and (B) posting of the curriculum materials on the district's internet website, if the district has a website. For copyrighted curriculum materials, requires districts to allow a parent of a student enrolled in the district to: (A) review the curriculum materials at the student's campus at any time during regular business hours; (B) purchase a copy of the curriculum materials from the publisher as provided by the district's purchase agreement for the curriculum materials; or (C) review the curriculum materials online through a secure electronic account in a manner that prevents the curriculum materials from being **copied and that otherwise complies with copyright law.**

Copyrighted Materials

Requires a school district that purchases from a publisher copyrighted curriculum materials for use in the district's human sexuality instruction to ensure that the purchase agreement provides for a means by which a parent of a student enrolled in the district may purchase a copy of the curriculum materials from the publisher at a price that does not exceed the price per unit paid by the district for the curriculum materials. Defines: (1) "curriculum materials" as including the curriculum, teacher training materials, and any other materials used in providing instruction; and (2) "human sexuality instruction," "instruction in human sexuality," and "instruction relating to human sexuality" as including instruction in reproductive health. Applies this subsection only to a purchase agreement entered, amended, or renewed on or after September 1, 2021.

This section takes immediate effect (applies beginning with the 2021-2022 school year).