

Public schools have always supported parental rights when it comes to the education of their children. Schools have long made a concerted effort to increase parental engagement in their children's education. SB 2260, however, places an undo, unnecessary burden on public school teachers and administrators to immediately respond to parent requests for information regardless of the breadth or timing of the request. The bill requires administrators and teachers to provide parental access to each and every instructional material or resource to be used in the classroom at least 7 days prior to the start of class. The bill requires teachers regardless of grade level or subject area to create a syllabus that must include all topics and subjects to be taught, a list of all curriculum and materials to be used, and all educational activities that are part of the class. This will require teachers to plan out the entire semester and/or school year; if you are in education, you know that this isn't feasible to say the least. Things change and things come up, concepts might need to be retaught to make sure that our students have a grasp on what is being taught, and testing has to be figured into those well-laid out plans; it is not possible to plan that far ahead into the school year. Yes, teachers know what they want to cover over the course of the semester or year, but it is basically impossible to plan that far ahead. Parents already have access to curriculum, as well as instructional and resource materials, used by teachers under existing law and board policies. This bill will allow parents to disrupt the school operations by submitting burdensome requests to the school which must be responded to within a very short amount of time.

SB 2260 provides parents with the right to sue the school district if a teacher or administrator fails to comply with these burdensome requirements and parents would be able to recover their costs and attorney's fees. This will encourage increased litigation against school districts funded by taxpayer dollars and will negatively impact public school budgets and the provision of quality education in North Dakota. SB 2260 will make it more difficult to report suspected child abuse or neglect on the part of the child's parents. The bill would make it more difficult for children in protective services to receive help, especially in situations where a parent is the suspected abuser. The bill does not adequately protect a court's ability to restrict or limit the rights of a parent that is in the best interests of the child.

**PLEASE DO NOT PASS THIS BILL!!!**