THE CIVICS ALLIANCE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SCHOLARS MODEL CIVICS LEGISLATION

ACADEMIC TRANSPARENCY ACT

Introduction

Radical activist schoolteachers and administrators impose action civics, critical race theory, and other forms of politicized instruction whenever they can avoid oversight. Detailed transparency requirements, applied to every written document that guides school policy, should minimize radical activists' abilities to politicize teaching. Our model Academic Transparency bill renders transparent every category of document relating to schools' expenditures and procedures.

Model Legislative Text

SECTION A:

(1) Each public school and charter school shall make available to the public on the institution's Internet all expenditures, vendors, contracts, monthly expenditures, strategic plans, Board meeting agendas and minutes, regulations, guidelines, training materials, learning materials, course syllabi, a general description of the subject matter of each class, books and articles required or recommended, course assessments, and course assignments.

(2) Each public school and charter school shall make available to the public on the institution's Internet all information listed in Subsection (1) no later than the seventh day after the document is produced.

(3) Each public school and charter school shall update the information required by Subsection (1) as soon as practicable after the information changes.

(4) Each public school and charter school shall continue to make the information available on the institution's Internet website until at least the second anniversary of the date on which the public school or charter school initially posted the information.

(5) Each public school and charter school shall designate an administrator to be responsible for ensuring implementation of this section. The administrator may assign duties under this section to one or more administrative employees.

(6) Not later than January 1 of each odd-numbered year, each public school and charter school shall make available to the public on the institution's Internet a written report regarding the institution's compliance with this section.

SECTION B:

The information required by Section (A) must be:

(1) accessible from the institution's Internet website home page by use of not more than three links;

(2) searchable by keywords and phrases; and

(3) accessible to the public without requiring registration or use of a user name, a password, or another user identification.

SECTION C:

If any provision of this chapter, or the application of any provision to any person or circumstance, is held to be invalid, the remainder of this chapter and the application of its provisions to any other person or circumstance shall not be affected thereby.

Existing State Statutes

Texas: Texas Education Code §51.974 [Internet Access to Course Information]