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Bill Analysis

SB 19 requires each school district and charter school to annually submit to the State Department of Education a list of all books and other materials available in its school library no later than October 1. The measure prohibits a library in a school district or charter school from having any pornographic materials or sexualized content accessible to students under the age of 18. The bill requires each school district and charter school to have a written policy for reviewing the educational suitability and age-appropriate nature of any material in a library and for receiving and responding to complaints regarding books and materials in libraries. It clarifies that a student may read, own, possess, or discuss any book obtained without the assistance or encouragement of the district or charter school, its employees, or its libraries, but it prohibits a student from bringing pornographic material or sexualized content on school grounds. The measure allows a parent or legal guardian of a student enrolled in a school district or charter school to report a suspected violation to the State Department of Education. It establishes a process for the Department to handle the complaint. The bill states that if a school district or charter school is found to have violated the bill's provisions, the State Board of Education may report it as deficient on its accreditation report. It also directs the school district or charter school to receive a 5% reduction in state funding for the fiscal year following the fiscal year of noncompliance.

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