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### Creighton's passes the Strongest Parental Bill of Rights in Education in the Nation SB 12 Advances to the Texas House

Austin, Texas – Today, Senator Brandon Creighton (R-Conroe) passed SB 12, the Texas Parental Bill of Rights, sending a clear message: Texas parents have the final say in their child's education. The bill includes many of the provisions in SB 8 passed by the Texas Senate in 2023.

"Texas parents—the primary educators and decision-makers in their children's lives—must have their rights clearly defined and protected in state law," said Creighton. "Most parents consider it common sense that they should have full access to their child's education, be informed of curriculum content, and should have a grievance process they can count on. Yet, in too many instances, these fundamental rights have been overlooked or undermined. SB 12 ensures that parental authority is not left to interpretation—it is firmly established in Texas law, safeguarding transparency, accountability, and a student-first approach in our schools."

SB 12 ensures classrooms remain focused on education, not indoctrination. It strengthens the ban on Critical Race Theory, closing loopholes that some districts have exploited. It also eliminates DEI mandates in hiring, training, and school policies—because merit and hard work, not political agendas, should determine opportunity. Additionally, any sexual orientation or gender identity instruction is banned in K-12.

The bill also guarantees full parental access to their child's education records—curriculum, test scores, library materials, and any changes to their mental or physical well-being. It requires parental consent for medical, psychiatric, or psychological treatment and protects a family's right to guide their child's moral and religious upbringing, including decisions about sex education.

"This Texas Parental Bill of Rights sends a clear signal: parents should be informed, involved, and empowered in their child's education," Creighton said. "When parents and teachers work together, students thrive. SB 12 ensures transparency, protects parental rights, and keeps the focus where it belongs—on educating our children and preparing them for success. In Texas, we trust parents, and we're making sure they have a voice. Parental rights in education are God given and Texas protected."

Senate Bill 12 now moves to the Texas House.

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