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A BILL

To amend sections 3301.0718 and 3313.6011 and to 1
enact section 3301.0727 of the Revised Code to 2
require the State Board of Education to develop 3
and adopt health education standards for grades 4
kindergarten through twelve and to require only 5
venereal disease education standards and 6
curriculum adopted by the State Board to be 7
approved by concurrent resolution of the General 8
Assembly. 9

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That sections 3301.0718 and 3313.6011 be 10
amended and section 3301.0727 of the Revised Code be enacted to 11
read as follows: 12

Sec. 3301.0718. (A) The state board of education shall not 13
adopt or revise any standards or curriculum in the area of 14
~~health-venereal disease education~~ unless, by concurrent 15
resolution, the standards, curriculum, or revisions are approved 16
by both houses of the general assembly. Before the house of 17
representatives or senate votes on a concurrent resolution 18

approving ~~health-venereal disease education~~ standards, 19
curriculum, or revisions, its standing committee having 20
jurisdiction over education legislation shall conduct at least 21
one public hearing on the standards, curriculum, or revisions. 22

(B) Each district and school shall be free to develop its 23
own standards and curriculum for instruction in venereal disease 24
education that emphasizes abstinence, in accordance with section 25
3313.6011 of the Revised Code. 26

Sec. 3301.0727. (A) Not later than July 1, 2019, the state 27
board of education shall develop and adopt health education 28
standards for the purpose of health education in grades 29
kindergarten through twelve. The methodology used by the state 30
board to develop the standards shall be based on the methodology 31
used by the state board to develop standards in other academic 32
content areas. 33

(B) The department of education shall provide the adopted 34
standards, and any revisions to the standards, to all school 35
districts, community schools established under Chapter 3314., 36
STEM schools established under Chapter 3326., and college- 37
preparatory boarding schools established under Chapter 3328. of 38
the Revised Code. Any school or district may utilize the 39
standards. 40

Sec. 3313.6011. (A) As used in this section, "sexual 41
activity" has the same meaning as in section 2907.01 of the 42
Revised Code. 43

(B) Instruction in venereal disease education pursuant to 44
division (A) (5) (c) of section 3313.60 of the Revised Code shall 45
emphasize that abstinence from sexual activity is the only 46
protection that is one hundred per cent effective against 47

unwanted pregnancy, sexually transmitted disease, and the sexual 48
transmission of a virus that causes acquired immunodeficiency 49
syndrome. 50

(C) In adopting minimum standards under section 3301.07 of 51
the Revised Code, the state board of education shall require 52
course material and instruction in venereal disease education 53
courses taught pursuant to division (A)(5)(c) of section 3313.60 54
of the Revised Code to do all of the following: 55

(1) Stress that students should abstain from sexual 56
activity until after marriage; 57

(2) Teach the potential physical, psychological, 58
emotional, and social side effects of participating in sexual 59
activity outside of marriage; 60

(3) Teach that conceiving children out of wedlock is 61
likely to have harmful consequences for the child, the child's 62
parents, and society; 63

(4) Stress that sexually transmitted diseases are serious 64
possible hazards of sexual activity; 65

(5) Advise students of the laws pertaining to financial 66
responsibility of parents to children born in and out of 67
wedlock; 68

(6) Advise students of the circumstances under which it is 69
criminal to have sexual contact with a person under the age of 70
sixteen pursuant to section 2907.04 of the Revised Code; 71

(7) Emphasize adoption as an option for unintended 72
pregnancies. 73

(D) Any model education program for ~~health-venereal~~ 74
disease education the state board of education adopts shall 75

conform to the requirements of this section. 76

(E) On and after March 18, 1999, and notwithstanding 77
section 3302.07 of the Revised Code, the superintendent of 78
public instruction shall not approve, pursuant to section 79
3302.07 of the Revised Code, any waiver of any requirement of 80
this section or of any rule adopted by the state board of 81
education pursuant to this section. 82

Section 2. That existing sections 3301.0718 and 3313.6011 83
of the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 84