

SENATE BILL No. 68

By Committee on Education

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1 AN ACT creating the Kansas healthy youth act.

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3 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

4 Section 1. (a) Each board of education shall provide a
5 comprehensive education program in human sexuality, which emphasizes
6 the benefits of abstinence while including information about sexually
7 transmitted infections, pregnancy prevention, health relationships, human
8 maturation and health decision making.

9 (b) The education program shall:

10 (1) Provide age-appropriate and medically accurate instruction at the
11 elementary and secondary levels;

12 (2) require that teachers and building administrators have
13 appropriate academic preparation or in-service training designed to
14 develop a basic knowledge of and a sensitivity to the area of human
15 sexuality;

16 (3) require that all curriculum and materials are factual, medically-
17 accurate and age-appropriate. Curriculum and materials shall be
18 supported with reviewed research conducted in compliance with accepted
19 scientific methods, and recognized as accurate and objective by leading
20 medical, psychological, psychiatric and public health organizations and
21 agencies, and where relevant, published in peer-reviewed journals; and

22 (4) include procedures whereby any pupil, whose parent or legal
23 guardian so requests, shall be excused from any or all portions of the
24 program without any penalty resulting from the action.

25 (c) Each board of education shall develop and maintain a current list
26 of approved curricula that are consistent with the requirements of this
27 section. The list of curricula shall be made publicly available and
28 program materials shall be available for viewing upon request.

29 (d) Each board of education shall develop and distribute to the
30 parents or legal guardian of a student participating in the human
31 sexuality education program a summary designed to assist parents in
32 understanding the program implemented and to encourage parental
33 guidance and involvement in the instruction of their student. Such
34 information shall reflect the curricula of the program as taught in the
35 classroom.

36 (e) Each board of education shall implement, administer and ensure

1 compliance with the provisions of this section by school year 2017-2018,
2 or as curricular materials are purchased or replaced as part of such
3 district's textbook acquisition policy.

4 (f) If any school district fails to comply with the requirements of this
5 section, any parent or legal guardian whose child is enrolled in such
6 school district, or any student enrolled in such school district may in a
7 civil action obtain appropriate relief, which shall include, but is not
8 limited to, injunctive relief, to enforce the provisions of this section.

9 (g) Nothing in this section shall be construed so as to require,
10 endorse or encourage the establishment of school-based health clinics or
11 birth control methods.

12 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
13 publication in the statute book.
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