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AN ACT

To repeal section 170.015, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to education about human sexuality.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 170.015, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 170.015, to read as follows:

170.015. 1. **All school districts shall offer instruction relating to human sexuality and sexually transmitted diseases. The school board of each district shall determine the grade or grades in which the instruction shall be offered, but the board shall ensure that the district offers the instruction in at least one grade not higher than the eighth grade.**

2. Any course materials and instruction relating to human sexuality and sexually transmitted diseases shall be medically and factually accurate and shall:

(1) Present abstinence from sexual activity as the preferred choice of behavior in relation to all sexual activity for unmarried pupils because it is the only method that is one hundred percent effective in preventing pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases and the emotional trauma associated with adolescent sexual activity, and advise students that teenage sexual activity places them at a higher risk of dropping out of school because of the consequences of sexually transmitted diseases and unplanned pregnancy;

(2) Stress that sexually transmitted diseases are serious, possible, health hazards of sexual activity. Pupils shall be provided with the latest medical information regarding exposure to human immunodeficiency virus, acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS), human papilloma virus, hepatitis and other sexually transmitted diseases;

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

17 (3) Present students with the latest medically factual information regarding both the
18 possible side effects and health benefits of all forms of contraception, including the success and
19 failure rates for the prevention of pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases; or shall present
20 students with information on contraceptives and pregnancy in a manner consistent with the
21 provisions of the federal abstinence education law, 42 U.S.C. Section 710;

22 (4) Include a discussion of the possible emotional and psychological consequences of
23 preadolescent and adolescent sexual activity and the consequences of adolescent pregnancy, as
24 well as the advantages of adoption, including the adoption of special needs children, and the
25 processes involved in making an adoption plan;

26 (5) Teach skills of conflict management, personal responsibility and positive self-esteem
27 through discussion and role-playing at appropriate grade levels to emphasize that the pupil has
28 the power to control personal behavior. Pupils shall be encouraged to base their actions on
29 reasoning, self-discipline, sense of responsibility, self-control, and ethical considerations, such
30 as respect for one's self and others. Pupils shall be taught not to make unwanted physical and
31 verbal sexual advances or otherwise exploit another person. Pupils shall be taught to resist
32 unwanted sexual advances and other negative peer pressure;

33 (6) Advise pupils of the laws pertaining to their financial responsibility to children born
34 in and out of wedlock and advise pupils of the provisions of chapter 566 pertaining to statutory
35 rape;

36 (7) Teach pupils about the dangers of sexual predators, including online predators when
37 using electronic communication methods such as the internet, cell phones, text messages, chat
38 rooms, email, and instant messaging programs. Pupils shall be taught how to behave responsibly
39 and remain safe on the internet and the importance of having open communication with
40 responsible adults and reporting any inappropriate situation, activity, or abuse to a responsible
41 adult, and depending on intent and content, to local law enforcement, the Federal Bureau of
42 Investigation, or the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children's CyberTipline; and

43 (8) Teach pupils about the consequences, both personal and legal, of inappropriate text
44 messaging, even among friends.

45 ~~[2-]~~ 3. Policies concerning referrals and parental notification regarding contraception
46 shall be determined by local school boards or charter schools, consistent with the provisions of
47 section 167.611.

48 ~~[3-]~~ 4. A school district or charter school which provides human sexuality instruction
49 may separate students according to gender for instructional purposes.

50 ~~[4-]~~ 5. The board of a school district or charter school shall determine the specific
51 content of the district's or school's instruction in human sexuality, in accordance with subsections

52 [4] 2 to [3] 4 of this section, and shall ensure that all instruction in human sexuality is
53 appropriate to the age of the students receiving such instruction.

54 [5-] 6. A school district or charter school shall notify the parent or legal guardian of each
55 student enrolled in the district or school of:

56 (1) The basic content of the district's or school's human sexuality instruction to be
57 provided to the student; and

58 (2) The parent's right to remove the student from any part of the district's or school's
59 human sexuality instruction.

60 [6-] 7. A school district or charter school shall make all curriculum materials used in the
61 district's or school's human sexuality instruction available for public inspection pursuant to
62 chapter 610 prior to the use of such materials in actual instruction.

63 [7-] 8. No school district or charter school, or its personnel or agents, shall provide
64 abortion services, or permit a person or entity to offer, sponsor, or furnish in any manner any
65 course materials or instruction relating to human sexuality or sexually transmitted diseases to its
66 students if such person or entity is a provider of abortion services.

67 [8-] 9. As used in this section, the following terms mean:

68 (1) "Abortion", the same meaning as such term is defined in section 188.015;

69 (2) "Abortion services":

70 (a) Performing, inducing, or assisting in the performance or inducing of an abortion
71 which is not necessary to save the life of the mother;

72 (b) Encouraging a patient to have an abortion or referring a patient for an abortion[;]
73 which is not necessary to save the life of the mother; or

74 (c) Developing or dispensing drugs, chemicals, or devices intended to be used to induce
75 an abortion which is not necessary to save the life of the mother.

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