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Introduced 2/15/2013, by Sen. Heather A. Steans

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

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Amends the School Code and the Critical Health Problems and Comprehensive Health Education Act. Makes changes to provide that each class or course in comprehensive sex education offered in any of grades 6 through 12 shall include instruction on both abstinence and contraception for the prevention of pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases, including HIV/AIDS. Makes changes to provide that all classes that teach sex education and discuss sexual intercourse in grades 6 through 12 shall emphasize that abstinence from sexual intercourse is a responsible and positive decision and is the only protection that is 100% effective against unwanted teenage pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases, and acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) when transmitted sexually. Makes changes to provide that all classes that teach sex education and discuss sexual intercourse in grades 6 through 12 shall satisfy specified criteria. Provides that an opportunity shall be afforded to individuals (not just parents or guardians) to examine the instructional materials to be used in the class or course. Provides that the State Board of Education shall make available resource materials. Provides that school districts that do not currently provide sex education are not required to teach sex education. Provides that if a sex education class or course is offered in any of grades 6 through 12, the school district may choose and adapt the developmentally and age-appropriate, medically accurate, evidence-based, and complete sex education curriculum that meets the specific needs of its community. Provides that the Comprehensive Health Education Program shall include the educational area of evidence-based and medically accurate information regarding sexual abstinence (instead of the area of sexual abstinence until marriage).

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning education.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing Section
5 27-9.1 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/27-9.1) (from Ch. 122, par. 27-9.1)
7 Sec. 27-9.1. Sex Education.

8 (a) In this Section:

9 "Adapt" means to modify an evidence-based program model for
10 use with a particular demographic, ethnic, linguistic, or
11 cultural group.

12 "Age appropriate" means suitable to particular ages or age
13 groups of children and adolescents, based on the developing
14 cognitive, emotional, and behavioral capacity typical for the
15 age or age group.

16 "Evidence-based program" means a program for which
17 systematic, empirical research or evaluation has provided
18 evidence of effectiveness.

19 "Medically accurate" means verified or supported by the
20 weight of research conducted in compliance with accepted
21 scientific methods and published in peer-reviewed journals, if
22 applicable, or comprising information recognized as accurate,
23 objective, and complete.

1 (a-5) ~~(a)~~ No pupil shall be required to take or participate
2 in any class or course in comprehensive sex education if his
3 parent or guardian submits written objection thereto, and
4 refusal to take or participate in such course or program shall
5 not be reason for suspension or expulsion of such pupil. Each
6 class or course in comprehensive sex education offered in any
7 of grades 6 through 12 shall include instruction on both
8 abstinence and contraception for the prevention of pregnancy
9 and sexually transmitted diseases, including HIV/AIDS ~~the~~
10 ~~prevention, transmission and spread of AIDS~~. Nothing in this
11 Section prohibits instruction in sanitation, hygiene or
12 traditional courses in biology.

13 (b) All ~~public elementary, junior high, and senior high~~
14 ~~school~~ classes that teach sex education and discuss sexual
15 intercourse in grades 6 through 12 shall emphasize that
16 ~~abstinence is the expected norm in that~~ abstinence from sexual
17 intercourse is a responsible and positive decision and is the
18 only protection that is 100% effective against unwanted teenage
19 pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases, and acquired immune
20 deficiency syndrome (AIDS) when transmitted sexually.

21 (c) All classes that teach sex education and ~~courses that~~
22 discuss sexual intercourse in grades 6 through 12 shall satisfy
23 the following criteria:

24 (1) Course material and instruction shall be
25 developmentally and age appropriate, medically accurate,
26 and complete.

1 (1.5) Course material and instruction shall replicate
2 evidence-based programs or substantially incorporate
3 elements of evidence-based programs.

4 (2) Course material and instruction shall teach honor
5 and respect for monogamous heterosexual marriage.

6 (3) Course material and instruction shall place
7 substantial emphasis on both abstinence, including
8 abstinence until marriage, and contraception for the
9 prevention of pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases
10 among youth and shall stress that abstinence is the ensured
11 method of avoiding unintended pregnancy, sexually
12 transmitted diseases, and HIV/AIDS ~~pupils should abstain~~
13 ~~from sexual intercourse until they are ready for marriage.~~

14 (4) Course material and instruction shall include a
15 discussion of the possible emotional and psychological
16 consequences of preadolescent and adolescent sexual
17 intercourse ~~outside of marriage~~ and the consequences of
18 unwanted adolescent pregnancy.

19 (5) Course material and instruction shall stress that
20 sexually transmitted diseases are serious possible hazards
21 of sexual intercourse. Pupils shall be provided with
22 statistics based on the latest medical information citing
23 the failure and success rates of condoms in preventing AIDS
24 and other sexually transmitted diseases.

25 (6) Course material and instruction shall advise
26 pupils of the laws pertaining to their financial

1 responsibility to children born in and out of wedlock.

2 (7) Course material and instruction shall advise
3 pupils of the circumstances under which it is unlawful for
4 males to have sexual relations with females under the age
5 of 18 to whom they are not married pursuant to Article 11
6 of the Criminal Code of 2012.

7 (8) Course material and instruction shall teach pupils
8 to not make unwanted physical and verbal sexual advances
9 and how to say no to unwanted sexual advances. Pupils shall
10 be taught that it is wrong to take advantage of or to
11 exploit another person. The material and instruction shall
12 also encourage youth to resist negative peer pressure.

13 (9) (Blank).

14 (10) Course material and instruction shall teach
15 pupils about the dangers associated with drug and alcohol
16 consumption during pregnancy.

17 (d) An opportunity shall be afforded to individuals,
18 including parents or guardians, to examine the instructional
19 materials to be used in such class or course.

20 (e) The State Board of Education shall make available
21 resource materials, with the cooperation and input of the
22 agency that administers grant programs consistent with
23 criteria (1) and (1.5) of subsection (c) of this Section, for
24 educating children regarding sex education and may take into
25 consideration the curriculum on this subject developed by other
26 states, as well as any other curricular materials suggested by

1 education experts and other groups that work on sex education
2 issues. Materials may include without limitation model sex
3 education curriculums and sexual health education programs.
4 The State Board of Education shall make these resource
5 materials available on its Internet website. School districts
6 that do not currently provide sex education are not required to
7 teach sex education. If a sex education class or course is
8 offered in any of grades 6 through 12, the school district may
9 choose and adapt the developmentally and age-appropriate,
10 medically accurate, evidence-based, and complete sex education
11 curriculum that meets the specific needs of its community.

12 (Source: P.A. 96-1082, eff. 7-16-10; 97-1150, eff. 1-25-13.)

13 Section 10. The Critical Health Problems and Comprehensive
14 Health Education Act is amended by changing Section 3 as
15 follows:

16 (105 ILCS 110/3)

17 Sec. 3. Comprehensive Health Education Program. The
18 program established under this Act shall include, but not be
19 limited to, the following major educational areas as a basis
20 for curricula in all elementary and secondary schools in this
21 State: human ecology and health, human growth and development,
22 the emotional, psychological, physiological, hygienic and
23 social responsibilities of family life, including sexual
24 abstinence until marriage, prevention and control of disease,

1 including instruction in grades 6 through 12 on the prevention,
2 transmission and spread of AIDS, age-appropriate sexual abuse
3 and assault awareness and prevention education in grades
4 pre-kindergarten through 12, public and environmental health,
5 consumer health, safety education and disaster survival,
6 mental health and illness, personal health habits, alcohol,
7 drug use, and abuse including the medical and legal
8 ramifications of alcohol, drug, and tobacco use, abuse during
9 pregnancy, evidence-based and medically accurate information
10 regarding sexual abstinence ~~until marriage~~, tobacco,
11 nutrition, and dental health. The program shall also provide
12 course material and instruction to advise pupils of the
13 Abandoned Newborn Infant Protection Act. The program shall
14 include information about cancer, including without limitation
15 types of cancer, signs and symptoms, risk factors, the
16 importance of early prevention and detection, and information
17 on where to go for help. Notwithstanding the above educational
18 areas, the following areas may also be included as a basis for
19 curricula in all elementary and secondary schools in this
20 State: basic first aid (including, but not limited to,
21 cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the Heimlich maneuver),
22 heart disease, diabetes, stroke, the prevention of child abuse,
23 neglect, and suicide, and teen dating violence in grades 8
24 through 12.

25 The school board of each public elementary and secondary
26 school in the State shall encourage all teachers and other

1 school personnel to acquire, develop, and maintain the
2 knowledge and skills necessary to properly administer
3 life-saving techniques, including without limitation the
4 Heimlich maneuver and rescue breathing. The training shall be
5 in accordance with standards of the American Red Cross, the
6 American Heart Association, or another nationally recognized
7 certifying organization. A school board may use the services of
8 non-governmental entities whose personnel have expertise in
9 life-saving techniques to instruct teachers and other school
10 personnel in these techniques. Each school board is encouraged
11 to have in its employ, or on its volunteer staff, at least one
12 person who is certified, by the American Red Cross or by
13 another qualified certifying agency, as qualified to
14 administer first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation. In
15 addition, each school board is authorized to allocate
16 appropriate portions of its institute or inservice days to
17 conduct training programs for teachers and other school
18 personnel who have expressed an interest in becoming qualified
19 to administer emergency first aid or cardiopulmonary
20 resuscitation. School boards are urged to encourage their
21 teachers and other school personnel who coach school athletic
22 programs and other extracurricular school activities to
23 acquire, develop, and maintain the knowledge and skills
24 necessary to properly administer first aid and cardiopulmonary
25 resuscitation in accordance with standards and requirements
26 established by the American Red Cross or another qualified

1 certifying agency. Subject to appropriation, the State Board of
2 Education shall establish and administer a matching grant
3 program to pay for half of the cost that a school district
4 incurs in training those teachers and other school personnel
5 who express an interest in becoming qualified to administer
6 cardiopulmonary resuscitation (which training must be in
7 accordance with standards of the American Red Cross, the
8 American Heart Association, or another nationally recognized
9 certifying organization) or in learning how to use an automated
10 external defibrillator. A school district that applies for a
11 grant must demonstrate that it has funds to pay half of the
12 cost of the training for which matching grant money is sought.
13 The State Board of Education shall award the grants on a
14 first-come, first-serve basis.

15 No pupil shall be required to take or participate in any
16 class or course on AIDS or family life instruction if his
17 parent or guardian submits written objection thereto, and
18 refusal to take or participate in the course or program shall
19 not be reason for suspension or expulsion of the pupil.

20 Curricula developed under programs established in
21 accordance with this Act in the major educational area of
22 alcohol and drug use and abuse shall include classroom
23 instruction in grades 5 through 12. The instruction, which
24 shall include matters relating to both the physical and legal
25 effects and ramifications of drug and substance abuse, shall be
26 integrated into existing curricula; and the State Board of

1 Education shall develop and make available to all elementary
2 and secondary schools in this State instructional materials and
3 guidelines which will assist the schools in incorporating the
4 instruction into their existing curricula. In addition, school
5 districts may offer, as part of existing curricula during the
6 school day or as part of an after school program, support
7 services and instruction for pupils or pupils whose parent,
8 parents, or guardians are chemically dependent.

9 (Source: P.A. 96-128, eff. 1-1-10; 96-328, eff. 8-11-09;
10 96-383, eff. 1-1-10; 96-1000, eff. 7-2-10; 97-1147, eff.
11 1-24-13.)

1 INDEX

2 Statutes amended in order of appearance

3 105 ILCS 5/27-9.1 from Ch. 122, par. 27-9.1

4 105 ILCS 110/3