

1 HB385
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SYNOPSIS: This bill would revise the focus of the content, course materials, and instruction provided to public school students in any program or curriculum that includes sex education or the human reproductive process.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Section 16-40A-2, Code of Alabama 1975, relating to public K-12 sex education; to revise the focus of the content, course materials, and instruction provided to students.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Section 16-40A-2, Code of Alabama 1975, is amended to read as follows:

"§16-40A-2.

"(a) Any program or curriculum in the public schools in Alabama that includes sex education or the human

1 reproductive process shall, ~~as~~ at a minimum, include and
2 emphasize the following:

3 "(1) Abstinence from ~~sexual intercourse~~ sex is the
4 only completely effective protection against ~~unwanted~~
5 unintended pregnancy, sexually transmitted ~~diseases~~
6 infections, and ~~acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS)~~
7 human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) when transmitted sexually.

8 "(2) Abstinence from ~~sexual intercourse~~ sex outside
9 of ~~lawful~~ marriage is the expected social standard for
10 unmarried school-age persons.

11 "(b) Course materials and instruction that relate to
12 sexual health education or sexually transmitted ~~diseases~~
13 infections should be age-appropriate and medically accurate.

14 "(c) Course materials and instruction that relate to
15 sexual health education or sexually transmitted ~~diseases~~
16 infections should include all of the following elements:

17 "(1) An emphasis on sexual abstinence as the only
18 completely reliable method of avoiding ~~unwanted~~ unintended
19 teenage pregnancy and sexually transmitted ~~diseases~~
20 infections.

21 "(2) An emphasis on the importance of ~~self-control~~
22 ~~and ethical conduct pertaining to~~ delaying sexual activity and
23 discouraging risky sexual behavior.

24 "(3) Statistics based on the latest medical
25 information that indicate the degree of reliability and
26 unreliability of various forms of contraception, while also
27 emphasizing the increase in protection against pregnancy and

1 protection against sexually transmitted ~~diseases~~ infections,
2 including HIV ~~and AIDS~~ infection, which is afforded by the use
3 of various contraceptive measures.

4 "(4) Information concerning the laws relating to the
5 financial responsibilities associated with pregnancy,
6 childbirth, and child rearing.

7 "(5) Information concerning the laws prohibiting
8 sexual abuse, the need to report such abuse, and the legal
9 options available to victims of sexual abuse.

10 "(6) Information on how to cope with and rebuff
11 unwanted physical and verbal sexual exploitation by other
12 persons.

13 "(7) Psychologically sound methods of resisting
14 unwanted peer pressure.

15 ~~"(8) An emphasis, in a factual manner and from a
16 public health perspective, that homosexuality is not a
17 lifestyle acceptable to the general public and that homosexual
18 conduct is a criminal offense under the laws of the state.~~

19 ~~"(9)~~ (8) Comprehensive instruction in parenting
20 skills and responsibilities, including the responsibility to
21 pay child support by non-custodial parents, the penalties for
22 non-payment of child support, and the legal and ethical
23 responsibilities of child care and child rearing."

24 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the
25 first day of the third month following its passage and
26 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.