

VOTE YES ON HB 3027

Motion to Concur with Senate Amendments #1 & #3 to HB 3027

HB 3027 Creates a Standard for Existing Sexual Health Education Courses: Teaches Medically Accurate, Age-Appropriate, and Complete Information; Includes Information on Reducing Unintended Pregnancies and STDs and STIs; Stresses Abstinence; Applies to Grades 6-12

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SA#1 to HB 3027 is the result of careful negotiations to revise proposed sex education legislation (SB 1619). These negotiations resulted in a compromise bill that:

- ✓ Requires existing sex education programs to teach medically accurate, developmentally and age appropriate, and complete information.
 - Medically accurate means: information supported by accepted scientific methods and published in peer-reviewed journals as accurate, objective and complete. **For Example: Statistics on the rate of effectiveness for condoms in the prevention of HIV should reflect the information provided by organizations and agencies with recognized expertise in the field of sexual health, including but not limited to, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.**
 - Age appropriate means: suitable to particular ages or age groups of children and adolescents, based on their developing cognitive, emotional, and behavioral capacity for age. **Students in lower grades are provided with less detailed information about contraception than students in higher grades. For Example: In a 7th grade, students may learn that contraception can be used to prevent pregnancy whereas students in 11th grade, may get detailed information about each contraceptive method, including details on how each method works and instructions for use.**
 - Complete means: includes instruction on both abstinence and contraception for the prevention of pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases, including HIV/AIDS.

SA#1 to HB 3027 is not a mandate.

- ✓ It requires that IF a public school chooses to teach sex education, THEN the program must be medically accurate and developmentally and age appropriate. It does not apply to private or religious schools. It does not require any specific lesson plan, activities, or materials. Instead, schools have flexibility to choose among numerous curricula.

SA#1 to HB 3027 stresses abstinence.

- ✓ It requires that course material and instruction “stress that abstinence is the ensured method of avoiding unintended pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases, and HIV/AIDS”.

SA#1 to HB 3027 allows parents to opt-out.

- ✓ Parents can remove their children from sexual health education courses for any reason. Students cannot be penalized in any way if their parents remove them from a class.

SA#1 to HB 3027 applies specifically to grades 6-12.

SA#3 to HB 3027 is a technical amendment that corrects a drafting error.

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