

HOUSE BILL No. 4859

September 9, 2015, Introduced by Reps. Irwin, Singh, Dianda, Geiss, Liberati, Sarah Roberts, Pagan, Chang, Wittenberg, Hoadley, Hovey-Wright, Cochran, Schor, Gay-Dagnogo, Banks, Townsend, Yanez and Zemke and referred to the Committee on Education.

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled
"The revised school code,"
by amending sections 1169, 1507, and 1507b (MCL 380.1169, 380.1507,
and 380.1507b), sections 1169 and 1507 as amended and section 1507b
as added by 2004 PA 165.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1169. (1) The principal modes by which dangerous
2 communicable diseases, including, but not limited to, human
3 immunodeficiency virus infection and acquired immunodeficiency
4 syndrome, are spread and the best methods for the restriction and
5 prevention of these diseases shall be taught in every public school
6 in this state. Subject to subsection (3) and section 1507b, the
7 teaching under this section shall stress that abstinence from sex
8 is a responsible and effective method for restriction and
9 prevention of these diseases and is a positive lifestyle for

1 unmarried young people. **FACTUAL INFORMATION INCLUDED IN THE**
2 **TEACHING UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE MEDICALLY ACCURATE AND**
3 **OBJECTIVE.**

4 (2) Except for licensed health care professionals who have
5 received training on human immunodeficiency virus infection and
6 acquired immunodeficiency syndrome, each person who teaches K to 12
7 pupils about human immunodeficiency virus infection and acquired
8 immunodeficiency syndrome pursuant to subsection (1) shall have
9 training in human immunodeficiency virus infection and acquired
10 immunodeficiency syndrome education for young people. The
11 superintendent of public instruction, in cooperation with the
12 department of ~~public health~~ **AND HUMAN SERVICES**, shall train
13 trainers to provide the teacher training required by this
14 subsection and shall provide for the development and distribution
15 to school districts of medically accurate material on the teaching
16 of human immunodeficiency virus infection and acquired
17 immunodeficiency syndrome to young people.

18 (3) The choice of curricula to be used for human
19 immunodeficiency virus infection and acquired immunodeficiency
20 syndrome education required to be taught under subsection (1) shall
21 be approved by the appropriate school board and implemented in the
22 school setting. ~~not later than October 1, 1990.~~ Before adopting any
23 revisions to the curriculum implemented under this section,
24 including, but not limited to, revisions to provide for the
25 teaching of abstinence from sex as a responsible method for
26 restriction and prevention of disease, a school board shall hold at
27 least 2 public hearings on the proposed revisions. The hearings

1 shall be held at least 1 week apart and public notice of the
2 hearings shall be given in the manner required under section 1201
3 for board meetings. A public hearing held pursuant to this section
4 may be held in conjunction with a public hearing held pursuant to
5 section 1507.

6 (4) AS USED IN THIS SECTION:

7 (A) "FACTUAL INFORMATION" INCLUDES, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO,
8 MEDICAL, PSYCHIATRIC, PSYCHOLOGICAL, EMPIRICAL, AND STATISTICAL
9 STATEMENTS.

10 (B) "MEDICALLY ACCURATE" MEANS VERIFIED OR SUPPORTED BY
11 RESEARCH CONDUCTED IN COMPLIANCE WITH SCIENTIFIC METHODS AND
12 PUBLISHED IN PEER-REVIEWED JOURNALS, WHERE APPROPRIATE, AND
13 RECOGNIZED AS ACCURATE AND OBJECTIVE BY PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
14 AND AGENCIES WITH EXPERTISE IN THE RELEVANT FIELD, SUCH AS THE
15 FEDERAL CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION.

16 Sec. 1507. (1) The board of a school district may engage
17 qualified instructors and provide facilities and equipment for
18 instruction in sex education, including family planning, human
19 sexuality, and the emotional, physical, psychological, hygienic,
20 economic, and social aspects of family life. **IF THE BOARD OF A
21 SCHOOL DISTRICT PROVIDES INSTRUCTION IN SEX EDUCATION UNDER THIS
22 SECTION, THE INSTRUCTION SHALL INCLUDE COMPREHENSIVE SEXUALITY
23 EDUCATION THAT IS MEDICALLY ACCURATE AND AGE-APPROPRIATE.**

24 Instruction may also include the subjects of reproductive health
25 and the recognition, prevention, and treatment of sexually
26 transmitted ~~disease~~-**INFECTION**. Subject to subsection ~~(7)~~-(6) and
27 section 1507b, the instruction described in this subsection shall

1 stress that abstinence from sex is a responsible and effective
2 method of preventing unplanned or out-of-wedlock pregnancy and
3 sexually transmitted ~~disease~~-**INFECTION** and is a positive lifestyle
4 for unmarried young people. **FACTUAL INFORMATION INCLUDED IN THE**
5 **INSTRUCTION UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE MEDICALLY ACCURATE AND**
6 **OBJECTIVE.**

7 ~~—— (2) The class described in subsection (1) shall be elective~~
8 ~~and not a requirement for graduation.~~

9 (2) ~~(3)~~-A pupil shall not be enrolled in a class in which the
10 subjects of family planning or reproductive health are discussed
11 unless the pupil's parent or guardian is notified in advance of the
12 course and the content of the course, is given a prior opportunity
13 to review the materials to be used in the course and is notified in
14 advance of his or her right to have the pupil excused from the
15 class. The state board shall determine the form and content of the
16 notice required in this subsection.

17 (3) ~~(4)~~-Upon the written request of a pupil or the pupil's
18 parent or legal guardian, a pupil shall be excused, without penalty
19 or loss of academic credit, from attending a class described in
20 subsection (1).

21 (4) ~~(5)~~-A school district ~~that provides a class as permitted~~
22 ~~by subsection (1) shall offer~~-**SHALL PROVIDE** the instruction **UNDER**
23 **THIS SECTION** by teachers qualified to teach ~~health~~-**SEXUALITY**
24 education. A school district **THAT PROVIDES THE INSTRUCTION UNDER**
25 **THIS SECTION** shall ~~not offer this instruction unless~~-**ESTABLISH** a
26 sex education advisory board. ~~is established by the board of the~~
27 ~~school district.~~The board of a school district shall determine

1 terms of service for the sex education advisory board, the number
2 of members to serve on the advisory board, and a membership
3 selection process that reasonably reflects the school district
4 population, and shall appoint 2 co-chairs for the advisory board,
5 at least 1 of whom is a parent of a child attending a school
6 operated by the school district. At least 1/2 of the members of the
7 sex education advisory board shall be parents who have a child
8 attending a school operated by the school district, and a majority
9 of these parent members shall be individuals who are not employed
10 by a school district. The board of a school district shall include
11 pupils of the school district, educators, local clergy, and
12 community health professionals on the sex education advisory board.
13 Written or electronic notice of a sex education advisory board
14 meeting shall be sent to each member at least 2 weeks before the
15 date of the meeting. The advisory board shall do all of the
16 following:

17 (a) Establish program goals and objectives for pupil knowledge
18 and skills that are likely to reduce the rates of sex, pregnancy,
19 and sexually transmitted diseases. This subdivision does not
20 prohibit a school district from establishing additional program
21 goals and objectives that are not contrary to this section, section
22 1169, or section 1507b.

23 (b) Review the materials and methods of instruction used and
24 make recommendations to the board of the school district for
25 implementation. The advisory board shall take into consideration
26 the school district's needs, demographics, and trends, including,
27 but not limited to, teenage pregnancy rates, sexually transmitted

1 disease rates, and incidents of student sexual violence and
2 harassment.

3 (c) At least once every 2 years, evaluate, measure, and report
4 the attainment of program goals and objectives established under
5 subdivision (a). The board of a school district shall make the
6 resulting report available to parents in the school district.

7 (5) ~~(6)~~—Before adopting any revisions in the materials or
8 methods used in instruction under this section, including, but not
9 limited to, revisions to provide for the teaching of abstinence
10 from sex as a method of preventing unplanned or out-of-wedlock
11 pregnancy and sexually transmitted disease, the board of a school
12 district shall hold at least 2 public hearings on the proposed
13 revisions. The hearings shall be held at least 1 week apart and
14 public notice of the hearings shall be given in the manner required
15 under section 1201 for board meetings. A public hearing held
16 pursuant to this section may be held in conjunction with a public
17 hearing held pursuant to section 1169.

18 (6) ~~(7)~~—A person shall not dispense or otherwise distribute in
19 a public school or on public school property a family planning drug
20 or device.

21 (7) ~~(8)~~—As used in this section, "family planning" means the
22 use of a range of methods of fertility regulation to help
23 individuals or couples avoid unplanned pregnancies; bring about
24 wanted births; regulate the intervals between pregnancies; and plan
25 the time at which births occur in relation to the age of parents.
26 It may include the study of fetology. It may include marital and
27 genetic information. Clinical abortion shall not be considered a

1 method of family planning, nor shall abortion be taught as a method
2 of reproductive health.

3 (8) ~~(9)~~—As used in this section and sections 1506 and 1507a:

4 (A) "BOARD OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT" MEANS THE BOARD OF A SCHOOL
5 DISTRICT OR BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF A PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY.

6 (B) ~~(a)~~—"Class" means an instructional period of limited
7 duration within a course of instruction and includes an assembly or
8 small group presentation.

9 (C) ~~(b)~~—"Course" means a series of classes linked by a common
10 subject matter.

11 (D) "FACTUAL INFORMATION" INCLUDES, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO,
12 MEDICAL, PSYCHIATRIC, PSYCHOLOGICAL, EMPIRICAL, AND STATISTICAL
13 STATEMENTS.

14 (E) "MEDICALLY ACCURATE" MEANS VERIFIED OR SUPPORTED BY
15 RESEARCH CONDUCTED IN COMPLIANCE WITH SCIENTIFIC METHODS AND
16 PUBLISHED IN PEER-REVIEWED JOURNALS, WHERE APPROPRIATE, AND
17 RECOGNIZED AS ACCURATE AND OBJECTIVE BY PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
18 AND AGENCIES WITH EXPERTISE IN THE RELEVANT FIELD, SUCH AS THE
19 FEDERAL CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION.

20 (F) "SCHOOL DISTRICT" MEANS A SCHOOL DISTRICT OR A PUBLIC
21 SCHOOL ACADEMY.

22 Sec. 1507b. (1) Instruction under section 1507 in ~~sex~~
23 **SEXUALITY** education and instruction under section 1169 on human
24 immunodeficiency virus infection and acquired immunodeficiency
25 syndrome shall ~~emphasize~~ **BE AGE-APPROPRIATE, MEDICALLY ACCURATE,**
26 **AND OBJECTIVE, AND SHALL EMPHASIZE** that abstinence from sex is a
27 positive lifestyle for unmarried young people because abstinence is

1 the only protection that is 100% effective against unplanned
2 pregnancy, sexually transmitted ~~disease~~**INFECTION**, and sexually
3 transmitted human immunodeficiency virus infection and acquired
4 immunodeficiency syndrome.

5 (2) Material, **FACTUAL INFORMATION**, and instruction in the ~~sex~~
6 **SEXUALITY** education curriculum under section 1507 that discusses
7 sex shall be age-appropriate, ~~shall not be medically inaccurate~~
8 **ACCURATE, AND OBJECTIVE**, and shall do at least all of the
9 following:

10 (a) Discuss the benefits of abstaining from sex until marriage
11 and the benefits of ~~ceasing sex~~**PROTECTING ONESELF** if a pupil is
12 sexually active, **AND PROVIDE THE TOOLS TO MAKE INFORMED AND**
13 **RESPONSIBLE DECISIONS.**

14 (b) Include a discussion of the possible emotional, economic,
15 and legal consequences of sex.

16 (c) Stress that unplanned pregnancy and sexually transmitted
17 diseases are serious possibilities of sex that are not fully
18 preventable except by abstinence.

19 (d) Advise pupils of the laws pertaining to their
20 responsibility as parents to children born in and out of wedlock.

21 (e) Ensure that pupils are not taught in a way that condones
22 the violation of the laws of this state pertaining to sexual
23 activity, including, but not limited to, sections 158, 335a, 338,
24 338a, 338b, and 520b to 520e of the Michigan penal code, 1931 PA
25 328, MCL 750.158, 750.335a, 750.338, 750.338a, 750.338b, and
26 750.520b to 750.520e.

27 (f) Teach pupils how to say "no" to sexual advances and that

1 it is wrong to take advantage of, harass, or exploit another person
2 sexually.

3 (g) Teach refusal skills and encourage pupils to resist
4 pressure to engage in risky behavior.

5 (h) Teach that the pupil has the power to control personal
6 behavior. Pupils shall be taught to base their actions on
7 reasoning, self-discipline, a sense of responsibility, self-
8 control, and ethical considerations such as respect for self and
9 others.

10 (i) Provide instruction on healthy dating relationships and on
11 how to set limits and recognize a dangerous environment.

12 (j) Provide information for pupils about how young parents can
13 learn more about adoption services and about the provisions of the
14 safe delivery of newborns law, chapter XII of the probate code of
15 1939, 1939 PA 288, MCL 712.1 to 712.20.

16 (k) Include information clearly informing pupils that having
17 sex or sexual contact with an individual under the age of 16 is a
18 crime punishable by imprisonment and that 1 of the other results of
19 being convicted of this crime is to be listed on the sex offender
20 registry on the internet for up to 25 years.

21 (3) This section does not prohibit a public school from
22 offering sex education with behavioral risk reduction strategies,
23 as defined by law, that are not 100% effective against unplanned
24 pregnancy, sexually transmitted disease, and sexually transmitted
25 human immunodeficiency virus infection and acquired
26 immunodeficiency syndrome.

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10 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days
11 after the date it is enacted into law.