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3 By Senator Whatley
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8 SYNOPSIS: This bill would revise the focus of the
9 content, course materials, and instruction provided
10 to public school students in any program or
11 curriculum that includes sex education or the human
12 reproductive process.

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14 A BILL
15 TO BE ENTITLED
16 AN ACT

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

22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

23 Section 1. Section 16-40A-2 of the Code of Alabama
24 1975, is amended to read as follows:

25 "§16-40A-2.

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

1 reproductive process shall, as 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, medically accurate, and
14 culturally appropriate.

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

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

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

25 "(3) Statistics based on the latest medical
26 information ~~that indicate the degree of reliability and~~
27 ~~unreliability~~ of various forms of contraception, while also

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

