

1 HB444  
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3 By Representative Todd  
4 RFD: Education Policy  
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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, there are certain  
9 minimum contents which are included in a sex  
10 education program or curriculum.

11 This bill would remove from the minimum  
12 contents the emphasis that homosexuality is not an  
13 acceptable lifestyle and the emphasis that  
14 homosexual conduct is a criminal offense.

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16 A BILL  
17 TO BE ENTITLED  
18 AN ACT

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20 To amend Section 16-40A-2, Code of Alabama 1975,  
21 relating to the minimum contents which are included in a sex  
22 education program or curriculum, to remove from the minimum  
23 contents the emphasis that homosexuality is not an acceptable  
24 lifestyle and the emphasis that homosexual conduct is a  
25 criminal offense.

26 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

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

3           "§16-40A-2.

4           "(a) Any program or curriculum in the public schools  
5 in Alabama that includes sex education or the human  
6 reproductive process shall, as a minimum, include and  
7 emphasize the following:

8           "(1) Abstinence from sexual intercourse is the only  
9 completely effective protection against unwanted pregnancy,  
10 sexually transmitted diseases, and acquired immune deficiency  
11 syndrome (AIDS) when transmitted sexually.

12           "(2) Abstinence from sexual intercourse outside of  
13 lawful marriage is the expected social standard for unmarried  
14 school-age persons.

15           "(b) Course materials and instruction that relate to  
16 sexual education or sexually transmitted diseases should be  
17 age-appropriate.

18           "(c) Course materials and instruction that relate to  
19 sexual education or sexually transmitted diseases should  
20 include all of the following elements:

21           "(1) An emphasis on sexual abstinence as the only  
22 completely reliable method of avoiding unwanted teenage  
23 pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases.

24           "(2) An emphasis on the importance of self-control  
25 and ethical conduct pertaining to sexual behavior.

26           "(3) Statistics based on the latest medical  
27 information that indicate the degree of reliability and

1 unreliability of various forms of contraception, while also  
2 emphasizing the increase in protection against pregnancy and  
3 protection against sexually transmitted diseases, including  
4 HIV and AIDS infection, which is afforded by the use of  
5 various contraceptive measures.

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

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

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

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

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

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

1                   Section 2. This act shall become effective  
2 immediately following its passage and approval by the  
3 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.