

HOUSE BILL No. 1113

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 2-5-26.

Synopsis: Sexual abstinence education study committee. Establishes a sexual abstinence education study committee under the direction of the legislative council to study issues related to the teaching of sexual abstinence in grades 7 through 12. Requires the committee to make annual recommendations to the general assembly concerning the committee's study topic. Provides that the committee expires June 30, 2003.

Effective: July 1, 1998.

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January 6, 1998, read first time and referred to Committee on Rules and Legislative Procedures.



Introduced

Second Regular Session 110th General Assembly (1998)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 1997 General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 2-5-26 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS
2 A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
3 1, 1998]:

4 **Chapter 26. Sexual Abstinence Education Study Committee**
5 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "committee" refers to the sexual**
6 **abstinence education study committee.**

7 **Sec. 2. The sexual abstinence education study committee is**
8 **established.**

9 **Sec. 3. The committee consists of twenty-one (21) members**
10 **appointed as follows:**

11 (1) **Four (4) members of the house of representatives, not**
12 **more than two (2) of whom are of the same political party,**
13 **appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives with**
14 **the advice of the floor leader of the party opposite the**
15 **speaker's party.**

16 (2) **Four (4) members of the senate, not more than two (2) of**
17 **whom are of the same political party, appointed by the**

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- 1 president pro tempore of the senate with the advice of the
 2 minority leader of the senate.
- 3 (3) The superintendent of public instruction or the
 4 superintendent's designee.
- 5 (4) The commissioner of the state department of health or the
 6 commissioner's designee.
- 7 (5) A lay member who is the parent of a public school student,
 8 appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.
- 9 (6) A lay member who is the parent of a public school student,
 10 appointed by the president pro tempore of the senate.
- 11 (7) A high school teacher, appointed by the superintendent of
 12 public instruction.
- 13 (8) A member of a governing body (as defined in
 14 IC 20-10.1-1-5), appointed by the superintendent of public
 15 instruction.
- 16 (9) A superintendent (as defined in IC 20-10.1-1-6) or a
 17 principal, appointed by the superintendent of public
 18 instruction.
- 19 (10) Three (3) persons appointed by the president pro
 20 tempore of the senate who are not members of the general
 21 assembly. Not more than two (2) of the persons appointed
 22 under this subdivision may be members of the same political
 23 party. Members appointed under this subdivision must be
 24 selected so that each of the following groups are represented:
- 25 (A) Community leadership.
- 26 (B) Business.
- 27 (C) Ethical and moral leadership.
- 28 (11) Three (3) persons appointed by the speaker of the house
 29 of representatives who are not members of the general
 30 assembly. Not more than two (2) of the persons appointed
 31 under this subdivision may be members of the same political
 32 party. Members appointed under this subdivision must be
 33 selected so that each of the following groups are represented:
- 34 (A) Community leadership.
- 35 (B) Business.
- 36 (C) Ethical and moral leadership.
- 37 **Sec. 4. (a) A member of the committee may be removed at any**
 38 **time by the member's appointing authority.**
- 39 (b) The appointing authority shall fill a vacancy on the
 40 committee by appointing a new member for the unexpired term.
- 41 (c) The terms of the legislative members expire at the election of
 42 the general assembly following the appointments. A vacancy occurs



1 if a legislative member leaves office for any reason.

2 **Sec. 5.** At the time the committee members are appointed, the
3 chairman of the legislative council shall name one (1) of the
4 legislative members as chairman, and the vice chairman of the
5 legislative council shall name one (1) of the legislative members as
6 vice chairman. However, the appointing authority may name a
7 different legislative member as chairman or vice chairman at any
8 time.

9 **Sec. 6.** The committee shall meet annually during the interim
10 between adjournment of sessions of the general assembly and
11 November 1 at the call of the chairman or at other times the
12 committee determines.

13 **Sec. 7.** The committee shall make a systematic study of the
14 following:

15 (1) The conditions and statistics concerning the following:

16 (A) The number and percentage of adolescent females who
17 become pregnant in the United States and a comparison
18 with other nations.

19 (B) The effect of sexual activity before marriage on
20 adolescent individuals in the areas of health, education,
21 economics, employment, and crime.

22 (C) The probability that babies born to adolescent mothers
23 have a higher chance of having low birth weights or
24 premature births and are two (2) times as likely to die
25 before their first birthday as babies born to mothers at
26 least twenty (20) years of age.

27 (D) The impact of teenage pregnancy on the children of
28 teenage mothers, specifically regarding high school drop
29 out rates, the number and percentage of these children
30 who receive public assistance, and the number and
31 percentage of these children who are expelled or suspended
32 from school.

33 (E) The rate at which children of adolescent mothers are
34 likely to be incarcerated.

35 (F) The adolescent pregnancy rate of female children of
36 adolescent mothers.

37 (G) The effect of abstinence of adolescents from sexual
38 activity outside of marriage on out of wedlock pregnancy,
39 sexually transmitted diseases, associated health problems,
40 and harmful psychological and physical effects of
41 adolescent pregnancy.

42 (H) Abstinence from sexual activity outside of marriage as



- 1 the expected standard for all school age children.
- 2 (2) The reasons for the existence of the conditions and
- 3 statistics described in subdivision (1).
- 4 (3) Abstinence education programs that are effective in
- 5 addressing the conditions and statistics described in
- 6 subdivision (1).
- 7 (4) Any other issue related to the teaching of sexual abstinence
- 8 in grades 7 through 12.
- 9 **Sec. 8.** The committee shall recommend the following to the
- 10 general assembly:
- 11 (1) Measures to alleviate and correct the underlying causes of
- 12 the conditions and statistics described in section 7(1) of this
- 13 chapter.
- 14 (2) Recommendations for the promotion of effective
- 15 abstinence education programs in a positive manner in
- 16 schools in grades 7 through 12.
- 17 **Sec. 9.** The committee may study other topics assigned by the
- 18 legislative council or as directed by the chairperson of the
- 19 committee.
- 20 **Sec. 10.** The committee shall receive suggestions or comments
- 21 pertinent to the issues that the committee studies from members of
- 22 the general assembly, governmental agencies, public and private
- 23 organizations, and private citizens.
- 24 **Sec. 11.** The committee shall issue an annual report to the
- 25 legislative council stating the committee's findings, conclusions,
- 26 and recommendations made during the most recent interim period
- 27 between sessions of the general assembly. The committee shall issue
- 28 other reports as directed by the legislative council.
- 29 **Sec. 12.** The affirmative votes of a majority of the members
- 30 appointed to the committee are required for the committee to take
- 31 action on any measure, including final reports.
- 32 **Sec. 13.** (a) The committee is under the jurisdiction of the
- 33 legislative council and shall operate under the direction of the
- 34 legislative council.
- 35 (b) The legislative services agency shall provide staff and
- 36 administrative support for the committee.
- 37 (c) The legislative council shall establish a budget for the
- 38 committee. Subject to prior authorization of the legislative council,
- 39 the expenses incurred by the committee in performing the
- 40 committee's duties shall be paid from the funds appropriated to the
- 41 legislative council.
- 42 (d) Notice of the time, place, and agenda of committee meetings



1 shall be given in the same manner as meetings of interim study
2 committees established by the legislative council.

3 (e) Each member of the committee is entitled to receive the same
4 per diem, mileage, and travel allowances paid to individuals
5 serving as legislative members, state official or employee members,
6 and lay members, respectively, on interim study committees
7 established by the legislative council.

8 Sec. 14. This chapter expires June 30, 2003.

