

Fiscal Estimate - 2005 Session

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LRB Number 05-2136/2	Introduction Number AB-795
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Description
 School district human growth and development programs; requiring a hospital to provide to a sexual assault victim, with consent, information and emergency contraception; requiring a pharmacist to dispense contraception; providing notice of abstinence only education; and providing a penalty

Fiscal Effect

State:

No State Fiscal Effect
 Indeterminate
 Increase Existing Appropriations
 Increase Existing Revenues
 Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget
 Decrease Existing Appropriations
 Decrease Existing Revenues

 Yes No
 Create New Appropriations
 Decrease Costs

Local:

No Local Government Costs
 Indeterminate

1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	5.Types of Local Government Units Affected <input type="checkbox"/> Towns <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> Cities <input type="checkbox"/> Counties <input type="checkbox"/> Others <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> School Districts <input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts
2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	

Fund Sources Affected	Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations
<input type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEGS	

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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Under current law a school board may provide an instructional program in human growth and development in grades kindergarten to 12 that may include instruction in the following areas: 1) self-esteem, responsible decision making, and personal responsibility; 2) interpersonal relationships; 3) discouragement of adolescent sexual activity; 4) family life and skills required of a parent; and 5) human sexuality, reproduction, family planning, human immunodeficiency virus and acquired immunodeficiency syndrome, prenatal development, childbirth, adoption, available prenatal and postnatal support, and male and female responsibility. If a school board offers instruction in any of these areas, it must also provide instruction in marriage and parental responsibility.

This bill provides that a school board may offer an instructional program in human growth and development that is scientifically based and that does all of the following: 1) encourages pupils to communicate with parents or guardians about human sexuality; 2) provides information about sexual anatomy and physiology; 3) teaches self-esteem, responsible decision making and personal responsibility related to relationships and sexual behavior; 4) teaches pupils to recognize unwanted physical and verbal sexual advances, not to make unwanted physical and verbal sexual advances, and to reject unwanted sexual advances; 5) teaches pupils about sexual stereotypes and protective behavior; 6) teaches pupils about counseling and medical and legal resources available to survivors of sexual assault; and 7) commencing in the seventh grade, teaches pupils about marriage, parental responsibility, prenatal development, childbirth adoption, the benefits of abstinence, and pregnancy and sexually transmitted disease prevention. Finally, the bill requires each school board that elects not to offer human growth and development instruction to notify each pupil's parent or guardian of this fact.

This bill requires each school board that receives federal funding to provide a program of abstinence only education (the teaching of abstaining from sexual activity outside marriage) or that elects to provide such a program to notify each pupil's parent or guardian of these facts. The notice must also state that abstinence only education does not teach pupils how to prevent pregnancy or sexually transmitted diseases, other than by remaining abstinent, and that a pupil, at the request of his or her parent or guardian, may be excused from abstinence only education and may not be subject to discipline or academic penalty as a result.

State Fiscal Effect: None.

If local school boards choose to implement a human growth and development program that is authorized under this bill, it would be the responsibility of local school boards to provide the necessary resources. Fulfilling the notice requirement relating to abstinence only education would also be at the expense of local school boards.

Local Fiscal Effect: Indeterminate.

The department does not have the data to estimate the cost of changing a district's curriculum to implement a human growth and development program as authorized by this bill. However it is clear that some cost would be involved either to supplement existing curriculum (which requires staff time) or to purchase new curriculum. Moreover, it is unknown how many districts would choose to implement such a program.

Applicable school districts will face notification costs regarding abstinence only education in the form of material, postage, and staff time. The department does not have the data to indicate specifically the amount of this cost.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications