

# HOUSE BILL No. 1047

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 20-30-5; IC 20-34-3-17.

**Synopsis:** Sexual health education. Prohibits the state board of education from distributing human immunodeficiency virus literature to students without the consent of the governing body of the school corporation the students attend. Requires instruction in state accredited schools on human sexuality or sexually transmitted diseases to be based on information that is medically and scientifically accurate and age appropriate. Lists the criteria that instruction on human sexuality and sexually transmitted diseases must meet.

**Effective:** July 1, 2022.

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January 4, 2022, read first time and referred to Committee on Education.

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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 20-30-5-12, AS AMENDED BY P.L.112-2020,  
2 SECTION 55, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3 JULY 1, 2022]: Sec. 12. (a) Each school corporation shall:  
4 (1) include in the school corporation's curriculum instruction  
5 concerning the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV); and  
6 (2) integrate this effort to the extent possible with instruction on  
7 other serious communicable diseases.  
8 ~~(b) Literature that is distributed to school children and young adults~~  
9 ~~under this section must include information required by IC 20-34-3-17.~~  
10 **(b) The state board may not distribute HIV literature described**  
11 **in subsection (a) to students without the consent of the governing**  
12 **body of the school corporation that the students attend.**  
13 (c) The department, in consultation with the state department of  
14 health, shall develop HIV educational materials. The department shall  
15 make the materials developed under this section available to school  
16 corporations.  
17 SECTION 2. IC 20-30-5-13, AS AMENDED BY P.L.92-2020,



1 SECTION 57, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
2 JULY 1, 2022]: Sec. 13. (a) As used in this section, "age  
3 appropriate" means suitable to a particular age or age group based  
4 on developing cognitive, emotional, and behavioral capacity typical  
5 for that age or age group.

6 (b) As used in this section, "appropriate instructor" means an  
7 instructor with knowledge of the most recent medically accurate  
8 research on human sexuality, pregnancy, and sexually transmitted  
9 diseases.

10 (c) As used in this section, "comprehensive sexual health  
11 education" means instruction on:

- 12 (1) human development;
- 13 (2) sexuality;
- 14 (3) reproduction;
- 15 (4) abstinence;
- 16 (5) anatomy;
- 17 (6) physiology;
- 18 (7) consent;
- 19 (8) all contraceptives and condoms approved by the federal  
20 Food and Drug Administration;
- 21 (9) the prevention of pregnancy and sexually transmitted  
22 diseases;
- 23 (10) healthy relationships; and
- 24 (11) healthy communication skills.

25 (d) As used in this section, "consent" refers to a free, voluntary,  
26 knowing, and mutual agreement to engage in a specific sexual act  
27 or contact. Consent can be withdrawn at any time. Any expression  
28 of lack of consent by words, actions, or attitude means that consent  
29 does not exist or has been withdrawn.

30 (e) As used in this section, "instructor" means an employee,  
31 contractor, or consultant of the school corporation.

32 (f) As used in this section, "medically accurate" refers to  
33 information that is supported by the weight of research conducted  
34 in compliance with accepted scientific methods and recognized as  
35 accurate and objective by the leading professional organizations  
36 and agencies with expertise in relevant fields, including the Centers  
37 for Disease Control and Prevention, the American Public Health  
38 Association, the American Academy of Pediatrics, and the  
39 American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists.

40 (g) ~~Throughout~~ If a state accredited school provides instruction  
41 on human sexuality or sexually transmitted diseases, a the state  
42 accredited school shall



- 1 (1) require a teacher to teach abstinence from sexual activity  
 2 outside of marriage as the expected standard for all school age  
 3 children;
- 4 (2) include in the instruction that abstinence from sexual activity  
 5 is the only certain way to avoid out-of-wedlock pregnancy;  
 6 sexually transmitted diseases; and other associated health  
 7 problems; and
- 8 (3) include in the instruction that the best way to avoid sexually  
 9 transmitted diseases and other associated health problems is to  
 10 establish a mutually faithful monogamous relationship in the  
 11 context of marriage: provide comprehensive sexual health  
 12 education, using appropriate instructors.
- 13 **(h) Instruction and materials used in comprehensive sexual**  
 14 **health education under this section shall satisfy all of the following**  
 15 **criteria:**
- 16 **(1) Be age appropriate.**
- 17 **(2) Be scientifically and medically accurate and informed by**  
 18 **scientific research and effective practices.**
- 19 **(3) Be appropriate for use with students of all races, genders,**  
 20 **gender identities, sexual orientations, and ethnic and cultural**  
 21 **backgrounds and for students with disabilities.**
- 22 **(4) Include the physiological and sociological developmental**  
 23 **processes experienced by an individual.**
- 24 **(5) Understand the influence of family, peers, community, and**  
 25 **the media throughout life on healthy sexual relationships.**
- 26 **(6) Encourage students to communicate with the students'**  
 27 **parents and guardians, health care and social service**  
 28 **professionals, and other trusted adults about human sexuality.**
- 29 **(7) Teach respect for marriage and committed relationships**  
 30 **and encourage healthy relationships that are based on mutual**  
 31 **respect and affection and are free from violence, coercion,**  
 32 **and intimidation.**
- 33 **(8) Teach abstinence as the most effective means of avoiding**  
 34 **sexually transmitted diseases and unintended pregnancy but**  
 35 **not to the exclusion of instruction on other forms of**  
 36 **contraception and disease prevention.**
- 37 **(9) Provide information about the effectiveness and safety,**  
 38 **including the health benefits and side effects, of all**  
 39 **contraceptives and condoms approved by the federal Food**  
 40 **and Drug Administration in preventing pregnancy and**  
 41 **reducing the risk of contracting sexually transmitted diseases.**
- 42 **(10) Provide students with skills in critical thinking, problem**



1 solving, decision making, and stress management in order to  
2 make healthy decisions about sexuality and relationships.

3 (11) Be appropriate for students who choose to be abstinent  
4 and for those who have been or are sexually active.

5 (12) Emphasize the necessity of consent as a requirement  
6 before engaging in any sexual activity, including recognition  
7 and withdrawal of consent.

8 (13) Emphasize recognizing and responding safely and  
9 effectively when violence or a risk of violence is or may be  
10 present with strategies that include bystander training.

11 (14) Be consistent with the National Sexuality Education  
12 Standards, Core Content and Skills, K-12.

13 (i) Comprehensive sexual health education provided under this  
14 section shall not include any instruction or materials that do either  
15 of the following:

16 (1) Teach or promote religious doctrine.

17 (2) Reflect or promote bias or discrimination against any  
18 person on the basis of race, color, ethnicity, religion, gender,  
19 gender identity, familial status, sexual orientation, disability,  
20 or national origin.

21 (j) Comprehensive sexual health education must be given at  
22 least:

23 (1) one (1) time to students in grade 5;

24 (2) two (2) times in total during the period when students are  
25 in grades 6 through 8; and

26 (3) two (2) times in total during the period when students are  
27 in grades 9 through 12.

28 (k) A state accredited school subject to this section must provide  
29 comprehensive sexual health education in accordance with section  
30 17 of this chapter.

31 (l) Not later than November 1, 2024, and each November 1  
32 thereafter, the department shall require school corporations to  
33 annually report the curricula used to provide comprehensive  
34 sexual health education. The department shall submit the results  
35 to the chairperson of the house committee on education and the  
36 chairperson of the senate committee on education and career  
37 development in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6.

38 SECTION 3. IC 20-34-3-17 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,  
39 2022]. Sec. 17: (a) The state board shall provide information stressing  
40 the moral aspects of abstinence from sexual activity in any literature  
41 that it distributes to students and young adults concerning available  
42 methods for the prevention of the human immunodeficiency virus



1 (HIV): The literature must state that the best way to prevent HIV  
2 transmission as a result of sexual activity is for young people to refrain  
3 from sexual activity until they are ready as adults to establish, in the  
4 context of marriage, a mutually faithful monogamous relationship.

5 (b) The state board may not distribute HIV literature described in  
6 subsection (a) to students without the consent of the governing body of  
7 the school corporation the students attend.

