

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 2721

By: Virgin

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 2011, Section 11-105.1, which relates to sex education curriculum; providing for medically accurate information designed to reduce unintended pregnancy; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 11-105.1, is amended to read as follows:

Section 11-105.1 A. All curriculum and materials including supplementary materials which will be used to teach or will be used for or in connection with a sex education class or program which is designed for the exclusive purpose of discussing sexual behavior or attitudes, or any test, survey or questionnaire whose primary purpose is to elicit responses on sexual behavior or attitudes shall be available through the superintendent or a designee of the school district for inspection by parents and guardians of the student who will be involved with the class, program or test, survey or questionnaire. Such curriculum, materials, classes, programs,

1 tests, surveys or questionnaires shall have as ~~one of~~ its primary  
2 ~~purposes the teaching of or informing students about the practice of~~  
3 purpose providing medically accurate, factual information that is  
4 age-appropriate and designed to reduce risk factors and behavior  
5 associated with unintended pregnancy. Such curriculum shall include  
6 but not be limited to abstinence. The superintendent or a designee  
7 of the school district shall provide prior written notification to  
8 the parents or guardians of the students involved of their right to  
9 inspect the curriculum and material and of their obligation to  
10 notify the school in writing if they do not want their child to  
11 participate in the class, program, test, survey or questionnaire.  
12 Each local board of education shall determine the means of providing  
13 written notification to the parents and guardian which will ensure  
14 effective notice in an efficient and appropriate manner. No student  
15 shall be required to participate in a sex education class or program  
16 which discusses sexual behavior or attitudes if a parent or guardian  
17 of the student objects in writing to such participation. If the  
18 type of program referred to in this section is a part of or is  
19 taught during a credit course, a student may be required to enroll  
20 in the course but shall not be required to receive instruction in or  
21 participate in the program if a parent or guardian objects in  
22 writing.

23 B. The superintendent or a designee of a school district in  
24 which sex education is taught or a program is offered which is

1 designed for the exclusive purpose of discussing sexual behavior or  
2 attitudes shall approve all curriculum and materials which will be  
3 used for such education and any test, survey or questionnaire whose  
4 primary purpose is to elicit responses on sexual behavior or  
5 attitudes used in the school prior to their use in the classroom or  
6 school. The teacher involved in the class, program, testing or  
7 survey shall submit the curriculum, materials, tests or surveys to  
8 the superintendent or a designee for approval prior to their use in  
9 the classroom or school. This section shall not apply to those  
10 students enrolled in classes, programs, testings or surveys offered  
11 through an alternative education program.

12 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2016.

13 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
14 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby  
15 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
16 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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