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Research Analysis

HB 3120, as introduced, modifies various requirements for sex education.

District school boards are required to annually approve any curriculum on sex education, reproductive health, and sexually transmitted diseases. This instruction must classify males and females based on biological sex, emphasize abstinence outside of heterosexual marriage, teach personal responsibility and self-discipline, specify that abortion is only legal in the state when the life of the mother is at risk, and provide age-appropriate material. Prohibited content includes advocacy for sexual activity that deviates from a traditional family structure, information on contraceptive methods without emphasizing potential risks and failure rates, promotion of non-heterosexual orientations, teaching of explicit sexual techniques, teaching of gender identity outside of the male and female binary, instruction on pleasure-based sex, and presenting abortion as a safe reproductive health care choice. Students must opt into sex education instruction with parental permission.

Classroom instruction on sexual orientation or gender identity in pre-K through 12th grade is prohibited except regarding AIDS prevention education. Schools must obtain parental permission before administering well-being questionnaires or health screening forms to students in kindergarten through 3rd grade.

The measure also requires schools to adopt policies stating that a person's sex is an immutable biological trait and prohibiting the use of pronouns or titles that do not correspond to a person's sex. Exceptions are made for individuals with certain sex development disorders. Schools must adopt additional procedures for notifying parents about changes in a student's mental, emotional, or physical health or well-being. Schools are prohibited from withholding information from parents without reasonable cause.

Sex education must be taught by teachers employed by the school district. The State Department of Education will collaborate with the State Textbook Committee to review and approve sex education instruction through guidelines outlined in the measure.

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Fiscal Analysis

The measure is currently under review and impact information will be completed.

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Other Considerations

None.

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