Bill Summary

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Bill Analysis

SB 1676 modifies the Health Education Act. The measure limits health education to be taught in public schools to physical health, physical exercise, physical activities, and nutrition and removes language requiring teachers assigned to teach health education as a stand-alone course to be certified in physical and health education. The measure directs the State Department of Education to review, and the State Board of Education to approve, all digital and hard copies of curricula, materials, tests, surveys, and questionnaires related to health education. It allows a school district to post on its website a notification that a parent or legal guardian may provide written consent to provide a student instruction on biological reproductive health, sexual consent, sexual behavior and attitudes, and mental health topics. The measure requires school districts to annually submit a report to the Department describing how health education was provided. It directs the Board to establish a process by which individuals who believe a violation of the Health Education Act occurred may submit a written complaint. Upon a finding by the Board that a district violated the act, the bill allows the Board to report a school as deficient on its accreditation report.

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