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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, there are certain
9 minimum contents that are included in sexual health
10 education programs and curricula.

11 This bill would revise the curriculum of
12 sexual health education in public schools to
13 comport with current data, science, and current
14 law.

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16 A BILL
17 TO BE ENTITLED
18 AN ACT

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20 Relating to education; to amend Section 16-40A-2,
21 Code of Alabama 1975, to revise the curriculum of sexual
22 health education in public schools.

23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

24 Section 1. Section 16-40A-2, Code of Alabama 1975,
25 is amended to read as follows:

26 "§16-40A-2.

1 "(a) Any program or curriculum in the public schools
2 in Alabama that includes sex education or the human
3 reproductive process shall, as a minimum, include and
4 emphasize the following:

5 "(1) Abstinence from ~~sexual intercourse~~ sex is the
6 only completely effective protection against ~~unwanted~~
7 unintended pregnancy, sexually transmitted ~~diseases~~
8 infections, and ~~acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS)~~
9 human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) when transmitted sexually.

10 "(2) Abstinence from ~~sexual intercourse~~ sex outside
11 of ~~lawful~~ marriage is the expected social standard for
12 unmarried school-age persons.

13 "(b) Course materials and instruction that relate to
14 sexual health education or sexually transmitted ~~diseases~~
15 infections should be age-appropriate, medically accurate, and
16 culturally appropriate.

17 "(c) Course materials and instruction that relate to
18 sexual health education or sexually transmitted ~~diseases~~
19 infections should include all of the following elements:

20 "(1) An emphasis on sexual abstinence as the only
21 completely reliable method of avoiding ~~unwanted~~ unintended
22 teenage pregnancy and sexually transmitted ~~diseases~~
23 infections.

24 "(2) An emphasis on the importance of ~~self-control~~
25 ~~and ethical conduct pertaining to~~ delaying sexual activity and
26 discouraging risky sexual behavior.

1 "(3) Statistics based on the latest medical
2 information ~~that indicate the degree of reliability and~~
3 ~~unreliability~~ of various forms of contraception, while also
4 emphasizing the increase in protection against pregnancy and
5 protection against sexually transmitted ~~diseases~~ infections,
6 including HIV ~~and AIDS~~ infection, which is afforded by the use
7 of various contraceptive measures.

8 "(4) Information concerning the laws relating to the
9 financial responsibilities associated with pregnancy,
10 childbirth, and child rearing.

11 "(5) Information concerning the laws prohibiting
12 sexual abuse, the need to report such abuse, and the legal
13 options available to victims of sexual abuse.

14 "(6) Information on how to cope with and rebuff
15 unwanted physical and verbal sexual exploitation by other
16 persons.

17 "(7) Psychologically sound methods of resisting
18 unwanted peer pressure.

19 "~~(8) An emphasis, in a factual manner and from a~~
20 ~~public health perspective, that homosexuality is not a~~
21 ~~lifestyle acceptable to the general public and that homosexual~~
22 ~~conduct is a criminal offense under the laws of the state.~~

23 "~~(9)~~ (8) Comprehensive instruction in parenting
24 skills and responsibilities, including the responsibility to
25 pay child support by non-custodial parents, the penalties for
26 non-payment of child support, and the legal and ethical
27 responsibilities of child care and child rearing."

1 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the
2 first day of the third month following its passage and
3 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.