

Key Concepts of Sex Education Bill / HB195

Background:

- Sex Education is NOT required in Alabama Public Schools. However, if it is offered this bill requires parents to be notified a minimum of 14 days in advance with the opportunity to opt out. If requested by parent/guardian the sex education curriculum in its entirety must be provided.
- Content must be age appropriate and medically accurate. Age appropriate is defined on page 4 line 97.
- All Sex Ed programs/human reproductive curricula must teach sexual risk avoidance (SRA). SRA is also known as abstinence.

The Following Information Is To Be Added To Sex Ed Curriculum:

- Accurate information on Alabama Abortion law including information that abortion is prohibited in Alabama with limited exceptions is to be included in curriculum.
- Domestic infant adoption information, the availability of relevant resources and the Safe Haven Baby Law pursuant to Chapter 25 of Title 26.
- How to identify and avoid unhealthy relationships, including factors predictive of physical, emotional, or sexual abuse and exploitation, coercion, or assault.
- Knowledge and skills to resist and avoid cyberbullying, sexting, pornography, online sexual predators, and the potential legal implications if involved.

Sex Ed And Human Reproductive Curriculum May Not Offer:

- The services of any individual or organization to assist in teaching concepts that are not in line with sexual risk avoidance, or organizations that provide abortion referrals, funding advocacy or other support for abortions.
- Referral to abortion services or abortifacient
- Graphic images, materials or video footage that are sexually explicit or normalize teenage sexual activity.
- Information that misrepresents the efficacy of contraception use, demonstrates contraceptive use or information about the distribution of a contraceptive.