
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to add elements
2 concerning sexual abuse and sexual assault to Hawaii's existing
3 sexuality health education law. The teaching of this portion of
4 the sexuality health education curriculum is to be permissive
5 and may include general information and education on:

6 (1) Methods of preventing sexual abuse and sexual assault;

7 (2) Identification of the signs of sexual abuse and sexual
8 assault;

9 (3) Available safety resources for victims of sexual abuse
10 and sexual assault; and

11 (4) Available health resources for victims of sexual abuse
12 and sexual assault.

13 SECTION 2. Section 321-11.1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
14 amended to read as follows:

15 "~~§~~321-11.1~~§~~ Medically accurate sexuality health

16 education. (a) Sexuality health education programs funded by



1 the State shall provide medically accurate and factual
2 information that ~~[is]~~:

3 (1) Is age appropriate ~~[and includes]~~;

4 (2) Includes education on abstinence, contraception, and
5 methods of disease prevention to prevent unintended
6 pregnancy and sexually transmitted disease, including
7 human immunodeficiency virus[-]; and

8 (3) May include education on sexual abuse and sexual
9 assault, methods of preventing sexual abuse and sexual
10 assault, identification of the signs of sexual abuse
11 and sexual assault, available safety resources for
12 victims of sexual abuse and sexual assault, and
13 available health resources for victims of sexual abuse
14 and sexual assault.

15 (b) For the purposes of this section:

16 "Age appropriate" means suitable to a particular age or age
17 group based on developing cognitive, emotional, and behavioral
18 capacity typical for that age or age group.

19 "Factual information" means medical, psychiatric,
20 psychological, empirical, or statistical information that is
21 verified or supported by research conducted by recognized



1 medical, psychiatric, psychological, and public health
2 professionals or organizations.

3 "Medically accurate" means verified or supported by
4 research conducted in compliance with accepted scientific
5 methods and recognized as accurate and objective by professional
6 organizations and agencies with expertise in the relevant field,
7 such as the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention,
8 the American Public Health Association, the American Academy of
9 Pediatrics, and the American College of Obstetricians and
10 Gynecologists.

11 "Sexuality health education" means education in any medium
12 regarding human development and sexuality, including education
13 on pregnancy, family planning, ~~[and]~~ sexually transmitted
14 diseases[-], and sexual abuse and sexual assault."

15 SECTION 3. The board of education shall submit a report of
16 its findings and recommendations on the inclusion of education
17 on sexual abuse and sexual assault in the sexuality health
18 education curriculum, including any proposed legislation, to the
19 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
20 the regular session of 2019.



1 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
2 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

3 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 3000.



Report Title:

Sexual Abuse; Sexual Assault; Comprehensive Sex Education

Description:

Authorizes the inclusion of education about sexual abuse and sexual assault, including prevention, identification, safety resources, and health resources for victims. Requires the Board of Education to report to the Legislature prior to the regular session of 2019. (HB856 HD1)

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