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1 AN ACT Relating to medically accurate sexuality education programs;
2 amending RCW 70.190.085 and 74.12.410; and adding a new section to
3 chapter 28A.150 RCW.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.150
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1) All public schools that provide sexuality or abstinence
8 education shall provide only medically and scientifically accurate
9 information.

10 (2) As used in this section, "medically and scientifically accurate
11 information" means information that is:

12 (a) Supported by the weight of research conducted in compliance
13 with accepted scientific methods;

14 (b) Recognized as accurate and objective by leading professional
15 organizations and agencies with relevant expertise in the field, such
16 as the American college of obstetricians and gynecologists or the
17 centers for disease control; and

18 (c) Published in peer-reviewed journals, where appropriate.

1 **Sec. 2.** RCW 70.190.085 and 1994 c 299 s 5 are each amended to read
2 as follows:

3 (1) The community network's plan may include funding for a student
4 designed media and community campaign promoting sexual abstinence and
5 addressing the importance of delaying sexual activity and pregnancy or
6 male parenting until individuals are ready to nurture and support their
7 children. Under the campaign, which shall be substantially designed
8 and produced by students, the same messages shall be distributed in
9 schools, through the media, and in the community where the campaign is
10 targeted. The campaign shall require local private sector matching
11 funds equal to state funds. Local private sector funds may include in-
12 kind contributions of technical or other assistance from consultants or
13 firms involved in public relations, advertising, broadcasting, and
14 graphics or video production or other related fields. The campaign
15 shall be evaluated using the outcomes required of community networks
16 under this chapter, in particular reductions in the number or rate of
17 teen pregnancies and teen male parentage over a three to five year
18 period.

19 (2) Any family planning information that is provided under this
20 section and includes sexuality or abstinence education shall provide
21 only medically and scientifically accurate information. As used in
22 this section, "medically and scientifically accurate information" means
23 information that is:

24 (a) Supported by the weight of research conducted in compliance
25 with accepted scientific methods;

26 (b) Recognized as accurate and objective by leading professional
27 organizations and agencies with relevant expertise in the field, such
28 as the American college of obstetricians and gynecologists or the
29 centers for disease control; and

30 (c) Published in peer-reviewed journals, where appropriate.

31 **Sec. 3.** RCW 74.12.410 and 1997 c 58 s 601 are each amended to read
32 as follows:

33 (1)(a) At time of application or reassessment under this chapter
34 the department shall offer or contract for family planning information
35 and assistance, including alternatives to abortion, and any other
36 available locally based teen pregnancy prevention programs, to
37 prospective and current recipients of aid to families with dependent
38 children.

1 (b) Any plan that includes funding for a community campaign
2 promoting sexual abstinence that is provided under this section shall
3 provide only medically and scientifically accurate information. As
4 used in this section, "medically and scientifically accurate
5 information" means information that is:

6 (i) Supported by the weight of research conducted in compliance
7 with accepted scientific methods;

8 (ii) Recognized as accurate and objective by leading professional
9 organizations and agencies with relevant expertise in the field, such
10 as the American college of obstetricians and gynecologists or the
11 centers for disease control; and

12 (iii) Published in peer-reviewed journals, where appropriate.

13 (2) The department shall work in cooperation with the
14 superintendent of public instruction to reduce the rate of illegitimate
15 births and abortions in Washington state.

16 (3) The department of health shall maximize federal funding by
17 timely application for federal funds available under P.L. 104-193 and
18 Title V of the federal social security act, 42 U.S.C. 701 et seq., as
19 amended, for the establishment of qualifying abstinence education and
20 motivation programs. The department of health shall contract, by
21 competitive bid, with entities qualified to provide abstinence
22 education and motivation programs in the state.

23 (4) The department of health shall seek and accept local matching
24 funds to the maximum extent allowable from qualified abstinence
25 education and motivation programs.

26 (5)(a) For purposes of this section, "qualifying abstinence
27 education and motivation programs" are those bidders with experience in
28 the conduct of the types of abstinence education and motivation
29 programs set forth in Title V of the federal social security act, 42
30 U.S.C. Sec. 701 et seq., as amended.

31 (b) The application for federal funds, contracting for abstinence
32 education and motivation programs and performance of contracts under
33 this section are subject to review and oversight by a joint committee
34 of the legislature, composed of four legislative members, appointed by
35 each of the two caucuses in each house.

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