

ESSB 5536 - S AMD TO S AMD (S-3985.3/04) 646  
By Senator Winsley

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1 On page 19, after line 12 of the amendment, insert the following:

2 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 12.** (1) The legislature finds that it is a  
3 public health priority for young people to acquire the knowledge and  
4 skills necessary for healthy development. Sexually transmitted  
5 diseases, HIV infection, and unintended pregnancy do not contribute to  
6 the healthy development of young people in Washington state. Yet,  
7 rates of teen pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases, and HIV  
8 infection among young people in this state are unacceptably high.

9 (2) Over twelve thousand girls nineteen years of age and younger  
10 become pregnant in Washington every year. Girls fifteen through  
11 nineteen years of age have the highest chlamydia and the second-highest  
12 gonorrhea infection rates among all age groups in this state. Levels  
13 of chlamydia infection are likely equally high among Washington's teen  
14 boys, who experience a disparity in screening. It is also estimated  
15 that one-half of all new HIV infections in this country now occur among  
16 people aged twenty-five and younger.

17 (3) Washington's adolescent health issues, like teen pregnancy and  
18 sexually transmitted diseases, must be addressed with comprehensive  
19 prevention efforts. The legislature intends to enhance the healthy  
20 development of young people in Washington state by taking opportunities  
21 to provide them with information needed to help reduce rates of teen  
22 pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases, and HIV infection.

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 13.** A new section is added to chapter 70.24 RCW  
24 to read as follows:

25 (1) Students receiving health instruction paid for in whole or in  
26 part with public funds may receive health information and disease  
27 prevention instruction.

28 (2) "Health information and disease prevention instruction" means  
29 medically and scientifically accurate curricula and information related  
30 to sexual activity that:

- 1 (a) Is age appropriate;
- 2 (b) Encourages communication with parents and other trusted adults;
- 3 (c) Is respectful of the needs, attitudes, and perspectives of
- 4 individuals and communities;
- 5 (d) Encourages young people to develop and apply health-promoting
- 6 behaviors including disease prevention and detection and accessing
- 7 accurate health information;
- 8 (e) Teaches that abstinence from sexual activity is the only sure
- 9 way to avoid pregnancy and reduce the risk of sexually transmitted
- 10 diseases;
- 11 (f) Stresses the value of abstinence while addressing the health
- 12 needs of youth who are sexually active;
- 13 (g) Provides information about the health benefits and side effects
- 14 of contraceptives and barrier methods as a means to prevent pregnancy
- 15 and reduce the risk of sexually transmitted diseases and HIV/AIDS;
- 16 (h) Provides information about the stages, patterns, and
- 17 responsibilities associated with growth and development;
- 18 (i) Promotes the development of interpersonal skills including a
- 19 sense of dignity and self-worth and the communication, decision-making,
- 20 assertiveness, and refusal skills necessary to reduce health risks and
- 21 choose healthy behaviors; and
- 22 (j) Helps young people develop and maintain healthy, respectful,
- 23 and meaningful relationships.
- 24 (3) The department of health shall work in consultation with the
- 25 office of the superintendent of public instruction to develop
- 26 guidelines for health information and disease prevention instruction
- 27 under this section."

28 Renumber the remaining sections consecutively.

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1        On page 19, line 18 of the title amendment, strike "condominiums"  
2 and insert "condominiums and health education"

3        On page 19, line 21 of the title amendment, strike "creating a new  
4 section" and insert "adding a new section to chapter 70.24 RCW;  
5 creating new sections"

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