

ESSB 5297 - H AMD 717

By Representative Strow

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1 On page 3, beginning on line 19, strike all of section (6) and
2 insert the following:

3 "(6) Public schools that offer sexual health education shall,
4 at least one month before beginning sexual health education
5 instruction in any classroom, conduct at least one presentation
6 during evening or weekend hours for the parents and legal guardians
7 of the school's students concerning the curriculum and materials
8 that will be used for such instruction. The school must give
9 parents and legal guardians reasonable notification of the
10 presentation, including notice that the curriculum and materials
11 are available for inspection. Students may not be required to
12 participate in any part of the sexual health education instruction
13 if a student's parent or legal guardian objects to the student's
14 participation, in writing, to the child's school principal or
15 principal's designee."

EFFECT: The amendment (1) deletes the provision allowing a parent or legal guardian to excuse his or her child from sexual health education, or to review the curriculum, by filing a written request, and replaces the provision with a requirement for schools to conduct an evening or weekend presentation concerning the sexual health education curriculum used at least one month before beginning instruction and to give the parents and legal guardians notice of the presentation; and (2) prohibits students from being required to participate in the instruction if a parent or legal guardian objects, in writing, to the school's principal or designee.