

**ESSB 5395 - H AMD 1950**

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1 On page 1, beginning on line 15, after "information" strike all  
2 material through "and" on page 2, line 22 and insert "about abstinence  
3 and other methods of preventing unintended pregnancy and sexually  
4 transmitted diseases. All sexual health information, instruction, and  
5 materials must be medically and scientifically accurate. Abstinence  
6 may not be taught to the exclusion of other materials and instruction  
7 on contraceptives and disease prevention. A school may choose to use  
8 separate, outside speakers or prepared curriculum to teach different  
9 content areas or units within the comprehensive sexual health program  
10 as long as all speakers, curriculum, and materials used are in  
11 compliance with this section. Sexual health education must be  
12 consistent with"

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14 On page 2, line 24, after "instruction." insert "The comprehensive  
15 sexual health education must emphasize the importance of refusal  
16 skills training, which means a set a skills designed to help children  
17 avoid participating in high-risk behaviors. Programs designed to  
18 discourage crime, drug use, violence, or sexual activity frequently  
19 include refusal skills in their curricula to help students resist peer  
20 pressure while maintaining self-respect."

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EFFECT: Removes content requirements regarding the comprehensive sexual health education. Instead, requires the comprehensive sexual health education to emphasize the importance of refusal skills training, which means a set a skills designed to help children avoid participating in high-risk behaviors. States that programs designed to discourage crime, drug use, violence, or sexual activity frequently include refusal skills in their curricula to help students resist peer pressure while maintaining self-respect.

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