
ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1724

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By House Committee on Education (originally sponsored by Representatives Kremen, Morris, Quall, Chandler, Rayburn, Springer, Edmondson, Mastin, Kessler, Finkbeiner, Grant, Dorn, Basich, Zellinsky, Ludwig, Campbell, Lemmon, Brough, Tate, Casada, Wood, Foreman, Holm, Roland, Fuhrman, Stevens, Sheahan, Schoesler, Long and Lisk)

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1 AN ACT Relating to sexual abstinence instructional material; and
2 creating new sections.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the rate of
5 teenage pregnancy has reached alarming levels. During the past decade,
6 the number of sexually active teenagers has increased by two-thirds.
7 The legislature further finds that having a child while a teenager
8 makes obtaining a quality education extremely difficult, and most often
9 leads to school failure for the mother and future personal and economic
10 hardship for both the mother and the child. Also, the lives and health
11 of sexually active adolescents are at risk due to the increasing number
12 of young people infected with the HIV virus, and other sexually
13 transmitted diseases.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The superintendent of public instruction
15 shall publicize and make available to school districts a listing of the
16 instructional materials available that give substantial emphasis and
17 encouragement to sexual abstinence as the most effective means, method,
18 and strategy for preventing pregnancy. The primary objective of

1 publicizing these materials is to share the many materials that are
2 available and being used in schools to help students develop the skills
3 to resist the social and peer pressures to become sexually active.

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