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

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 of
11 sexually active adolescents are at risk due to the increasing number of
12 young people infected with the HIV virus.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The superintendent of public instruction,
14 with the advice and assistance of the advisory committee established in
15 section 3 of this act, shall develop and make available to school
16 districts instructional material that emphasizes and encourages teenage
17 sexual abstinence. The primary objective of the instructional material
18 shall be to help adolescents develop skills to resist social and peer

1 pressure to become sexually active. It shall be designed so that it
2 will be used in health education classes. A summary of the
3 instructional material, with information regarding availability, shall
4 be distributed to all school districts by October 1, 1994.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The superintendent of public instruction
6 shall establish an advisory committee to assist the department in the
7 development of the instructional material required in section 2 of this
8 act. The committee shall include, but not be limited to, parents and
9 teachers.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** This act shall expire October 1, 1994.

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