
HOUSE BILL 2400

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By Representatives Stevens, Talcott, Casada, Padden, Sheahan and Fuhrman

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1 AN ACT Relating to prohibiting schools from presenting
2 homosexuality as positive, normal behavior; adding a new section to
3 chapter 28A.150 RCW; creating a new section; and declaring an
4 emergency.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.150
7 RCW to read as follows:

8 The legislature finds that the duty of all teachers to endeavor to
9 impress on the minds of their pupils the principles of morality and
10 truth and to teach them to avoid profanity and falsehood as required in
11 RCW 28A.405.030, is an indispensable prerequisite for providing a sound
12 education and for maintaining a virtuous and ethical society.

13 The legislature further finds that there is a legitimate and
14 compelling state interest in ensuring the sincerely held values and
15 beliefs of most parents regarding homosexuality, bisexuality,
16 transsexuality, or transvestism are not denigrated or denied by the
17 public schools and that homosexuality, bisexuality, transsexuality, or
18 transvestism are not presented, promoted, or approved as positive,
19 normal behavior.

1 A school, through an employee, volunteer, guest, or other
2 instrumentality, may not present, promote, or approve homosexuality,
3 bisexuality, transsexuality, or transvestism, and any such a conduct,
4 act, practice, or relationship, as positive, normal behavior, as
5 acceptable, legitimate conduct, or as a natural, alternative lifestyle.

6 As used in this section, "school" means a common school of the
7 state of Washington.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The provisions of this act are to be
9 liberally construed to effectuate the policies and purposes of this
10 act. In the event of conflict between this act and any other provision
11 of law, the provisions of this act shall govern.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** If any provision of this act or its
13 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the
14 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other
15 persons or circumstances is not affected.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** This act is necessary for the immediate
17 preservation of the public peace, health, morals, or safety, or the
18 support of the state government and its existing public institutions,
19 and shall take effect immediately.

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