

I am writing today to express my opposition to SB 0199 as currently written.

One of the current problems with the existing health education process is that currently jurisdictions make it virtually impossible for parents to review the materials. Here is just one example that is posted on line:

<https://parentscoalitionmc.blogspot.com/2022/05/mcps-demands-up-to-5000-from-parent-who.html>. In this case, MCPS is attempting to extort \$5000 from parents just to see what they plan to teach to their children.

While bill SB 0199 allows parents to “opt out,” it doesn’t guarantee that parents can even view the secretive materials that MCPS is teaching. How perverted can some of these teachings be that the school system goes to great efforts to hide them? Furthermore, many of these parents are being told that they can “opt out,” but they either need to take similar training elsewhere or their children will not graduate from high school. At the same time the schools are requiring participation in their health indoctrination classes to graduate, they are allowing others to graduate while playing hooky much of the time and failing to demonstrate proficiency in basic skills of reading, writing, and arithmetic that will enable them to go to college and compete for good jobs to be self-sustaining in their lifetime.

First and foremost, to be acceptable for passage, SB 0199 must require the schools to post this health curriculum on-line for parents to review at least one semester before it is to be taught and parents must be informed that the material is posted and available for review. Hopefully, this will keep some of the perverted and pornographic material out of the instruction plans. More importantly, this will allow the parents to learn what is being taught so they can reinforce the material at home. This is especially important when it comes to communicable diseases, drug use, and overdose deaths like the current fentanyl epidemic.

The bill must also have a true “opt out” clause that doesn’t extort attendance in order to graduate. Requiring the student to take the same material taught by someone else in another place is part of that extortion and NOT a true “opt out.” A true opt out will allow the parents to cover that material on their own time with no penalty allowed for doing so.

SB 199 should also have a parental rights clause. Currently, there are school systems (e.g. MCPS) that are hiding information from parents regarding their minor children. This allows aberrant teachers to recruit children for gender dysphoria without having to notify parents of their efforts whether successful or not. Parents have a right to know the names and pronouns their minor children are using at school as well as their scholastic achievement in order to support those issues at home.

<https://www.foxnews.com/media/nonbinary-teacher-boasts-changing-students-genders-parents-knowing-they-need-protection>

In summary, SB 0199 is currently lacking necessary elements and should not be passed as written.

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