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OPPOSE – Do not vote in favor of HB0558 in committee.

HB0558 - Primary and Secondary Education - Comprehensive Health Education Framework - Established

This bill is very vague when it comes a parents right to manage their child’s education and manage how their child deals with social and mental issues.

The bill lists nine topics that must be included:

- (I) HEALTH PROMOTION;
- (II) MENTAL AND EMOTIONAL HEALTH;
- (III) SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION;
- (IV) FAMILY LIFE AND HUMAN SEXUALITY;
- (V) GENDER IDENTITY AND SEXUAL ORIENTATION;
- (VI) SAFETY AND VIOLENCE PREVENTION;
- (VII) SAFE AND APPROPRIATE SOCIAL MEDIA AND INTERNET;
- (VIII) HEALTHY EATING; AND
- (IX) DISEASE PREVENTION AND CONTROL.

The bill specifically states that a parent **can opt their child out** of the “*FAMILY LIFE AND HUMAN SEXUALITY*”

The bill specifically states that a parent **cannot opt their child out** of education relating to “*HIV AND AIDS PREVENTION*”

So,

- **What topics (I) through (IX) include “*HIV AND AIDS PREVENTION*” so that a parent and local board of election know what topics a child can be opted out of?**
- **In general, what is the “opt out” policy for topics (I) through (III) and topics (V) through (IX), the non-“*FAMILY LIFE AND HUMAN SEXUALITY*” topics?**

A bill that regulates local boards of educations **MUST** be very clear and **NOT** leave items up for interpretation.

I respectfully request that you **DO NOT VOTE IN FAVOR** of HB0558 in committee.