

Motion to Concur with Senate Amendments #1 & #3 to HB 3027
Representative Yarbrough
VOTE YES

Stress Abstinence
Teach Medically Accurate, Age-Appropriate, and Complete Information

HB 3027 is the result of careful negotiations to revise proposed sex education legislation (SB 1619). These negotiations resulted in a compromise bill that:

- clarifies that the requirements in HB 3027 only apply to classes taught in grades 6-12.
- reinforces the teaching of abstinence by requiring that sex education classes “emphasize that abstinence from sexual intercourse is a responsible and positive decision”.
- requires sex education programs to teach medically accurate, developmentally and age appropriate, and complete information.

SA#1 to HB 3027 is not a mandate.

It requires that IF a public school chooses to teach sex education, THEN the program must be medically accurate and developmentally and age appropriate. It does not apply to private or religious schools. It does not require any specific lesson plan, activities, or materials. Instead, schools have flexibility to choose among numerous curricula.

SA#1 to HB 3027 stresses abstinence.

It requires that course material and instruction “stress that abstinence is the ensured method of avoiding unintended pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases, and HIV/AIDS”.

SA#1 to HB 3027 respects marriage.

It does not change the current law that states: “Course material and instruction shall teach honor and respect for monogamous heterosexual marriage.”

SA#1 to HB 3027 respects parents.

Parents can remove their children from sexual health education courses for any reason. Students cannot be penalized in any way if their parents remove them from a class.

SA#1 to HB 3027 applies to grades 6-12.

It does NOT apply to grades younger than the 6th grade.

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AND COMPLETE SEX EDUCATION!**

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Chicago Foundation for Women
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Chicago Women's Health Center (CWHC)
Cook County Department of Public Health
DuPage County NOW
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Illinois Caucus for Adolescent Health
Illinois Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics
Illinois Choice Action Team
Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault
Illinois Maternal and Child Health Coalition
Illinois National Organization for Women
Illinois Public Health Association
Lake County Health Department/Community Health Center
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Lutheran Advocacy - Illinois
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National Council of Jewish Women, Illinois State Public Affairs Committee
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