Session of 2006

SENATE BILL No. 508

By Committee on Education

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10 AN ACT concerning schools; relating to human sexuality education programs; establishing the abstinence plus education act.

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13 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. (a) This act shall be known and may be cited as the abstinence plus education act.

- (b) The board of education of each school district shall provide a comprehensive education program in human sexuality. Such programs shall emphasize the benefits of abstinence while providing information about sexually transmitted infections and diseases, especially the acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS).
- $\left(c\right)$ Human sexuality education programs provided pursuant to this section shall:
- (1) Include age appropriate instruction at the elementary and secondary grade-levels;
- (2) require that all teachers who teach courses in human sexuality hold the appropriate license to provide such instruction;
- (3) require that teachers and building administrators have appropriate academic preparation or in-service training designed to develop a basic knowledge of and a sensitivity to the area of human sexuality;
- (4) require that all curriculum and materials are be factual, medically-accurate and age-appropriate; and
- (5) include a procedure under which any pupil shall be excused, at the request of the pupil's parent or guardian, from any or all portions of the program without any penalty resulting from such action.
- (d) The board of education of each school district shall determine the specific curriculum of the program and the grades in which the program is to be offered. The curriculum shall be specified in writing and shall be on file in the administrative offices of the district. Copies of the curriculum shall be available upon request.
- (e) Nothing in this section shall be construed as requiring, endorsing or encouraging the establishment of school-based health clinics or the teaching of birth control methods.

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- Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
- $2\quad \text{publication in the statute book.}$