



April 19, 2019

Minnesota House of Representatives
377 State Office Building
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Representatives,

Child Protection League has distributed information vigorously opposing the Comprehensive Sexual Health Education language (HF1414) within the House Education Omnibus bill, HF2400. As you know, HF2400 is scheduled for a vote on the House floor on Tuesday, April 23rd.

It has come to our attention that some of you are disputing our information, specifically by saying that Planned Parenthood “would not be involved” in teaching the mandated CSE and “this is school curriculum taught by teachers.”

I would call your attention to this language in the bill:

*instruction in a sexual health education program under this section **may be provided by a person without a teaching license**, who is employed by the school district, charter school, **or a community organization if the school administration determines the school employee or community organization has necessary content expertise.***

Who are the “community organizations” with “necessary content expertise” in CSE? [In their own words](#), “Planned Parenthood is the largest provider of comprehensive sex education in Minnesota. Planned Parenthood reaches nearly 50,000 Minnesotans across the lifespan – including young people in elementary, middle, and high school.” PP and its off-shoot SIECUS are the nationally recognized authorities on CSE. They have developed the standards, they develop and recommend the curriculum and model policies, and they teach it in the schools wherever they are allowed in.

While schools have the option to teach CSE with their own licensed teachers, this law mandates the specific content teachers must teach, and Planned Parenthood is lobbying for exactly this language (see link above). The legislation doesn’t give details of all recognized CSE curriculum content. No parents are able to view what the definitions of these words are, so we provide the public with the information that is hidden away behind the language of the bill. Here, for example, is PP’s own description (see attached: PP’s “*What is Sex?*”).

We also take issue with the so-called “non-partisan info” put out by the House of Representative.

It does not mention that the Minnesota School Board Association testified in opposition to HF1414, stating that Minnesota State Statute currently requires that schools teach extensive health education that have been recently developed and that *are to go into effect this year*. That testimony [is archived here](#), beginning at the 1:04:14 mark. These requirements are clear. According to the MSBA, over 30 master teachers put together these benchmarks.

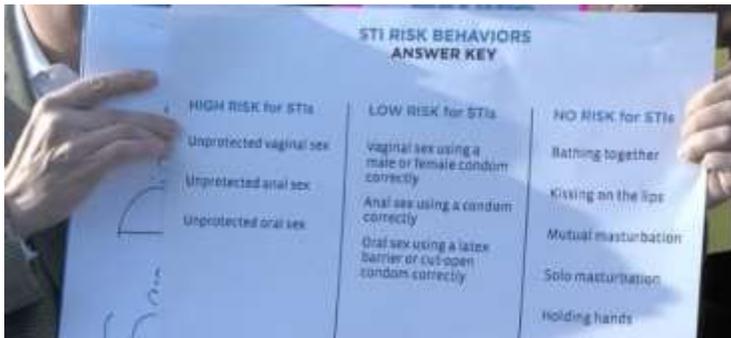
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From the [Minnesota Department of Education website](#):

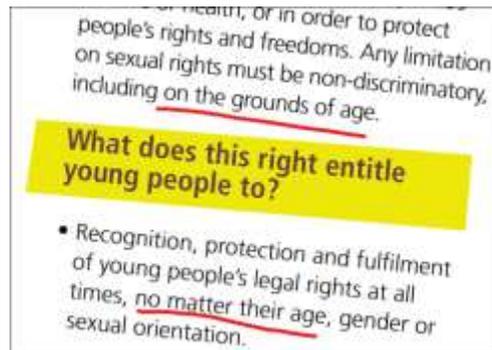
All school districts in Minnesota are required to identify standards, benchmarks, curriculum and assessments in health education. All students must receive instruction in health education K-8, or by district-determined grade bands. High school students must receive instruction in health education at least once. The amount of credit and graduation requirement is determined at the district level.

The idea that Minnesota’s sex education standards are inadequate is the view of those who want to force all Minnesota children to be exposed to explicit sexual materials that are an offense to most Minnesota families.

This is what CSE curriculum includes:



CSE “Rights, Respect, Responsibility” Curriculum



PP’s “EXCLAIM!” Pamphlet (p. 21)

Sharing your HIV status is called **disclosure**. Your decision about whether to disclose may change with different people and situations. You have the right to decide if, when, and how to disclose your HIV status.

PP’s “Healthy, Happy and Hot” p. 3

and safer sex. If you want to have sex and think you might get drunk or high, plan ahead by bringing condoms and lube or putting them close to where you usually have sex. That way you won't forget them in the heat of the moment.

PP’s “Healthy, Happy and Hot” p. 11

discrimination

- Removal of parental involvement or spousal consent laws that prevent young people from seeking sexual and reproductive health services.

PP’s “EXCLAIM!” Pamphlet (p. 17)

Consider also that the Minnesota Department of Education currently refers teens to Planned Parenthood as its recommended resource for Sexual Health. We can certainly expect PP to be the Department’s resource for writing a state Sexual Health Education model policy.

The “non-partisan” information sheet also states that districts may opt out of the Department’s model curriculum and implement their own, quoting the bill’s author saying, “local districts are still in the Child Protection League Action, PO Box 463, Mankato, MN 56002 contact@cpla.com

driver's seat." Who believes that districts can genuinely opt out when whatever they develop "must be approved by the department" and it must include all of the following:

- It *must* teach "consent," which the legislation describes as "affirmative, conscious, and voluntary agreement to engage in interpersonal, physical, or sexual activity." This assumes and normalizes value-free sexual activity among children
- It *must* teach "bodily autonomy." Planned Parenthood uses this term as its abortion dogma. Bodily autonomy teaches that one has the right to kill a preborn child in one's body, and therefore abortion is moral.
- It *must* teach "diverse sexual orientations and gender identities."
- It *must* teach "abstinence and other methods for preventing unintended pregnancy." In reality, CSE teaches birth control and abortion, and it is known for simply paying lip service to "abstinence."
- It *must* refer students to "local resources for services related to sexual and reproductive health." That means referring children to Planned Parenthood for abortion and birth control without parental knowledge or consent.

We sincerely hope that you have been simply misinformed regarding your defense of mandating CSE in all Minnesota public schools, and that you will become better acquainted with the nature of this dangerous legislation.

The idea that parents may opt their children out is a joke. You can't be ignorant of the fact that most parents have no idea what is being taught in their child's sex education classes or that the most vulnerable families are those with the fewest personal resources to stay on top of what the schools are pushing on their children. Neither would most families be equipped to provide the children a substitute curriculum as required by law while their classmates sit as captive audiences.

Please do not use the Opt-Out as an excuse to impose this on every Minnesota public school student in the state. Minnesota deserves better than that for our children.

Feel free to contact CPL directly if you wish to discuss this further.

Sincerely,

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