

## HOUSE BILL No. 2184

By Committee on Education

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9 AN ACT concerning school districts; enacting the abstinence plus (A+) education act.

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12 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

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

14 (b) The board of education of each school district shall provide a comprehensive education program in human sexuality. Such program shall emphasize the benefits of abstinence while including information about sexually transmitted infections, especially acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) and pregnancy prevention.

15 (c) The program shall:

16 (1) Include age appropriate instruction at the elementary and secondary grade-levels;

17 (2) require that all teachers who teach courses in human sexuality hold appropriate certification to provide such instruction;

18 (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;

19 (4) require that all curriculum and materials are factual. Information in such materials shall be supported by research conducted in compliance with accepted scientific methods and recognized as accurate and objective by leading professional organizations and agencies with relevant expertise in the field. Information in such material shall be medically-accurate and age-appropriate; and

20 (5) include procedures under which any pupil, whose parent or guardian so requests, shall be excused from any or all portions of the program without any penalty resulting from the action.

21 (d) The board of education of each school district shall determine the specific curriculum of the program and the grade-levels in which the program is to be offered. The curriculum shall be specified in writing and shall be on file in the administrative office of the board of education.

22 (e) The provisions of this section shall not be construed as requiring, endorsing or encouraging the establishment of school-based health clinics or birth control methods.

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1     Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
2     publication in the statute book.