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1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact three new sections to chapter 15-38 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to sex education in the public schools.

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

4 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 15-38 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 created and enacted as follows:

6 **Definitions.** As used in this Act, unless the context otherwise requires:

- 7 1. "Curricular material" means written plans on which instruction is based, curriculum
8 guidelines or supplements, and books or other written or audiovisual material used
9 for instruction.
- 10 2. "Sex education" means any instruction given as part of a planned course,
11 curriculum, or other instructional program that is intended to impart information or
12 promote discussion or understanding regarding human sexual behavior, sexual
13 feelings and sexual values, human sexuality and reproduction, pregnancy
14 avoidance or termination, or sexually transmitted diseases. It does not include:
- 15 a. Any discussion or instruction that occurs in a planned course designed for a
16 purpose unrelated to sex education, provided that the instruction or
17 discussion is reasonably designed to further the objectives of the course and
18 is not undertaken for the purpose of circumventing this Act; or
- 19 b. Any instruction in physiology, biology, zoology, or a similar course of scientific
20 instruction provided any information relating to sex education imparted by the
21 course is limited to scientific instruction on the functioning of human
22 reproductive organs.

23 **SECTION 2.** A new section to chapter 15-38 of the North Dakota Century Code is
24 created and enacted as follows:

1 **Sex education - Public meeting.** If a sex education course or program is to be
2 initiated in any school in a district, the school board shall first conduct at least one public
3 meeting with opportunity for public comment.

4 **SECTION 3.** A new section to chapter 15-38 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 created and enacted as follows:

6 **Sex education instruction - Contents.** All curricular material used to teach sex
7 education must be age-appropriate. Any teacher who teaches sex education and all curricular
8 material used to teach sex education must:

- 9 1. Stress that abstinence is the only contraceptive method that is one hundred
10 percent effective and that all other methods of contraception carry a risk of failure
11 in preventing unwanted teenage pregnancy. Statistics that are based on the latest
12 available medical information and which cite the failure and success rates of
13 condoms and other contraceptives in preventing pregnancy must be provided to
14 students.
- 15 2. Stress that sexually transmitted diseases are serious possible consequences of
16 sexual intercourse. Statistics that are based on the latest available medical
17 information and which cite the failure and success rates of condoms in preventing
18 the acquired immune deficiency syndrome and other sexually transmitted diseases
19 must be provided to students.