

HOUSE BILL NO. 1229

Introduced by

Representatives Grande, Rohr, Schatz, Hunskor

Senators Luick, O'Connell

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 15.1-21 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to abstinence-based concepts within the school health curriculum.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 15.1-21 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
5 and enacted as follows:

6 **Abstinence-based concepts - Health curriculum.**

7 Beginning July 1, 2012, each school district shall ensure that its curriculum for health
8 includes the exposure of students to abstinence-based concepts, including that:

- 9 1. There are social, psychological, and health gains to be realized by abstaining from
10 sexual activity;
- 11 2. Abstinence is the expected standard for all students;
- 12 3. Abstinence is the only certain way to avoid out-of-wedlock pregnancy, sexually
13 transmitted disease, and other associated health problems;
- 14 4. A mutually faithful monogamous relationship within the context of marriage is the
15 expected standard of human sexual activity;
- 16 5. Sexual activity outside the context of marriage is likely to have harmful psychological
17 and physical effects;
- 18 6. Bearing children out of wedlock is likely to have harmful consequences for the child,
19 the child's parents, and society;
- 20 7. There are ways to reject unwanted sexual advances;
- 21 8. Alcohol and drug use increase one's vulnerability to sexual advances; and
- 22 9. It is important to attain economic self-sufficiency before engaging in sexual activity.