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2001 SENATE APPROPRIATIONS

SB 2030

2001 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. SB2030

Senate Appropriations Committee

☐ Conference Committee

Hearing Date January 17, 2001

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Tape #3		x	9.5 - 29.4
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Donna Peters</i>			

Minutes:

Senator Nething opened the hearing on SB2030.

Roxanne Hobza, Analyst with the Legislative Council, presented neutral testimony on SB2030.

This bill is the result of the workings of the Interim Budget Committee on Human Services. She served as staff for that committee.

Darlene Bartz, Preventive Health Section Chief for the Department of Health, presented (neutral) background information (a copy of which is attached).

Senator Tomac: 150 thousand and 95 thousand per year? 95 times 2 makes 190 thousand, where the additional 40 thousand?

Darlene Bartz: 150 thousand is the new additional revenue, match.

Senator Tomac: Met the required match already? No federal match here?

Darlene Bartz: Yes and no to your questions.

Senator Solberg: Past biennium in force, match and general funds of 200 thousand?

Darlene Bartz: Right, 126,220 federal; 95,220 state match.

Senator Solberg: Appears all the dollars have gone to educating and training staff? None to the "rubber hit the road" --- to the people in need of program?

Darlene Bartz: It takes a couple years of implementation. Federal abstracts have 8 priority areas; some of which are in the area of teaching social/sociology, sex activities, unexpected pregnancies -- standards go with the priorities that need to be implemented.

Senator Solberg: I'd like to see a breakdown of the 220 thousand that the health regional coordinating committee --- amount spent on training/planning staff -- the numbers of schools and groups (as in paragraph 2) --- like to see where the dollars went. Possible?

Darlene Bartz: We will provide that information.

Senator Heitkamp: As the father of two teenage daughters -- I thank you for what you are doing. How do you get your base numbers used on surveys and your records? Data secured? How do you know who are sexually active?

Darlene Bartz: We do surveys -- in '98 there were 21.7 per 1 thousand (15-17 year olds) who were pregnant; in '99 19 per 1 thousand; down 4 per 1 thousand. Question regarding sexually active: in '97 30% said yes, in '99 35.4%. An increase, and the national average is 36.3% sexually active. Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD) -- individuals age 15-19, have decreased '98 was 374 and '99 was 337.

Senator Heitkamp: Easy to receive data, but the issue regarding sexually active -- did you survey the kids themselves.

Darlene Bartz: Variety of surveys are completed through the schools.

Senator Thane: Have you found that these programs are generally accepted by churches and families -- or is there some resistance?

Darlene Bartz: When presentations were made at the Interim Committee meetings -- we found that the church groups had a real interest in the program. They can play an integral role.

Roxanne Bossert, Manager of the Region VII Children's Services Coordinating Committee (CSCC), presented testimony regarding the State Health department's federal dollars that are contracted to the CSCC's, who then provide grants to community agencies regarding *Abstinence Education* (copy of her testimony is attached).

Senator Robinson: Do you develop your programs from scratch? Or do you go through other states for successful programs?

Roxanne Bossert: No we do not develop programs from scratch. One of the criteria is that the program has curriculum that is accepted for national accreditation; 4 of our programs are directly from national curriculum.

Senator Schobinger: You indicate 3-6 graders are offered the Sexual Abstinence Program --- really at the level of 3-6 grades?

Roxanne Bossert: Yes, children are sexually active at a much younger age now than before.

Christopher Dodson, lobbyist #106, North Dakota Catholic Conference, testified in support of federal law/programs. Although the implementation is not always pleasing; support the federal overseeing -- the balance and variety; meeting the criteria, we support. There are more adults having children out of wedlock -- need to establish virtue at a younger age. We still believe that the best environment is a two parent family. Against the act of abortion, which is a route taken by a number of women.

Hearing on SB2030 closed by Senator Nething.

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Senate Appropriations Committee

Bill/Resolution Number SB2030

Hearing Date January 17, 2001

Subcommittee assignment by Senator Nething (for SB2024, SB2028, SB2029 and SB2030)

Senator Andrist, Chair; Senator Grindberg and Senator Robinson

Full Committee Action - February 6, 2001 (tape 1, side a, 32.1-35.6)

Senator Nething opened the hearing on SB2030.

Senator Andrist, Chair of the Health Department Subcommittee, indicated that Human Services would be broadening this -- due to the anticipated tobacco funds. He moved a DO NOT PASS; seconded by Senator Thane. No discussion; roll call vote: 13 yes, 0 no, 1 absent and not voting.

Senator Robinson accepted the floor assignment.

Senator Nething closed the hearing on SB2030.

Date: 2-6-01

Roll Call Vote #: 1

2001 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. SB 2030

Senate Appropriations Committee

☐ Subcommittee on _____
or
☐ Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken Do Not Pass

Motion Made By Sen Andrist Seconded By Sen Thane

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Dave Nething, Chairman	✓				
Ken Solberg, Vice-Chairman	✓				
Randy A. Schobinger	✓				
Elroy N. Lindaas	✓				
Harvey Tallackson	✓				
Larry J. Robinson	✓				
Steven W. Tomac	✓				
Joel C. Heitkamp	✓				
Tony Grindberg	✓				
Russell T. Thane	✓				
Ed Kringstad					
Ray Holmberg	✓				
Bill Bowman	✓				
John M. Andrist	✓				

Total Yes 13 No 0

Absent 1

Floor Assignment Senator Robinson

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
February 6, 2001 10:51 a.m.

Module No: SR-21-2457
Carrier: Robinson
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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2030: Appropriations Committee (Sen. Nething, Chairman) recommends DO NOT PASS (13 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2030 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

2001 TESTIMONY

SB 2030

Testimony on SB 2030
Abstinence Education in North Dakota
before the
Senate Appropriations Committee
by
Darleen Bartz, Department of Health
January 17, 2001

Good Afternoon Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee, I am Darleen Bartz, Preventive Health Section Chief for the Department of Health. I am here to present background information related to the current status of Abstinence Education in North Dakota. The Division of Maternal and Child Health coordinates the Abstinence Education Grant.

The North Dakota Abstinence Education Grant Program resulted from the passage of the 1996 Federal Welfare Reform Legislation Public Law 104-193 which added a new formula grant program to the Title V Maternal and Child Block Grant. The law provides \$50 million for each fiscal year through 2002, which is awarded each year through a formula based on the total number of low-income children in each state. It's purpose was to "enable the State to provide abstinence education, and at the option of the State, where appropriate, mentoring, counseling, and adult supervision to promote abstinence from sexual activity, with a focus on those groups which are most likely to bear children out of wedlock."

North Dakota's portion of the above mentioned grant is \$126,000 per year which is currently budgeted in SB 2004. There is a required match of three non-federal dollars for every four federal dollars awarded. North Dakota's match amounts to \$95,000. This makes the total program activity for abstinence education in North Dakota related to this grant \$221,000 per year.

The ND Department of Health sought consumer input by various means to determine how the Abstinence Grant should be carried out. The final recommendation of the Maternal and Child Health Advisory Committee was to distribute the funding to the eight regional and four tribal Children's Services Coordinating Committees. Each year contracts are offered to all regional and tribal Children's Services Coordinating Committees submitting proposals to conduct community programs. The CSCCs fund agency proposals abstinence education programs.

The regional and tribal CSCCs are currently at various stages of implementation. The first one to two years were spent in planning and training staff, while the implementation of the program has occurred within the past two to three years. While we are seeing a decrease in the number of teenage pregnancies and the incidence of sexually transmitted diseases, there has been an increase in the proportion of adolescents that have engaged in sexual intercourse. As abstinence education is carried out throughout our state, we anticipate seeing an improvement in this area also. We believe collaboration and education are the keys to a successful program for North Dakota.

Mr. Chairman this completes my testimony. I would be pleased to answer any questions you or your Committee members have regarding this legislation.

Senator Nething and Members of the Committee, my name is Roxanne Bossert, and I am the Manager of the RegionVII Children's Services Coordinating Committee.

I have been asked by the State Health Department to answer the Committee's questions if they should arise regarding the State Health departments federal dollars that are contracted to the CSCC's, who then provide grants to community agencies regarding Abstinence Education.

The Region VII CSCC obtains a contract with the State Health Department. A Grant proposal is prepared and announced to communities (including special guidelines as designated by the State Health Dept/Federal requirements). The CSCC office coordinates & facilitates meetings regarding the review (both program and budgets) of all individual grants submitted. The committee recommends grants for selection. The CSCC office refers grant selection list to the CSCC Board for approval & award. The CSCC office submits grant contracts, monitors programming & fiscal reporting and provides quarterly reports to the State Health Department. The RVII CSCC receives \$1985.00 and provides an Inkind match of \$1498.00 for administration of these funds.

In Region VII four grants were funded to agencies for the period of July 1, 1999 – June 30, 2000.

I. The Family Resource Center – NDSU Extension Services

To promote abstinence while developing self respect, concept, healthy decision-making and healthy living.

The Sexual Abstinence Program are offered to grades 3-6 in approximately 36 schools in Region VII. Each grade will be programmed separately, unless they are combined classrooms. The programs consist of 2 phases. Phase I will be a presentation of the "Warm Fuzzy" story with a thorough processing of the concepts from the story. The program lasts from 30 – 40 minutes, two days, several days, to a week apart, concentrating on self concept, respect for self and others, and self control. Phase II consists of a brief review of the concepts presented, a practice session of assertive, non-assertive and aggressive communications, and another session several days to a week later practicing various refusal skills.

Budget for 1999-2000 = \$9,270.00
Budget for 2000-2001 = \$15,370.00

Inkind Match = \$6,993.17
Inkind Match = \$13,483.00

2. Partners in Parenting

To deliver a strong sexual abstinence message to students and parents, to help parents raise responsible children who will say "No" to sexual activity because they understand the risks involved.

In Promoting Sexual Abstinence Program we will use 2 programs.

1. Parenting for Prevention and the Johnson Institute Research about drug and sexual activity.
2. Message to Youth – this is a 2 hour workshop geared for parents and youth, ages 11 to 15. It addresses the risks of early sexual behavior sets a high expectation for abstinence and teaches youth how to "Unmask Sexual Con Games".

Budget for 1999-2000 = \$3,250.00

In-Kind Match = \$2,500.00

Budget for 2000-2001 = \$2,500.00

In-Kind Match = \$1,965.00

3. Kidder District Health Unit

To empower children to make positive choices. Learned skills will include respecting self and others, making wise decisions, communicating clearly and effectively, and considering how present behavior can influence future goals and plans.

The Living Smart Program is a skills based, abstinence only curriculum. This resource consists of creative activities which help young people to look at who they are now, where they want to go with their lives and how they can avoid sexual barriers to well-being and successfully make the transition from puberty to adulthood.

Budget for 1999 – 2000 = \$3,150.00

In-Kind - \$2,376.32

Glen Ullin Public School

To prevent students from experiencing trauma related to sex before marriage, pregnancy, and diseases often associated with sexually active teens.

The sexual abstinence education that is proposed has and will be using various techniques including guest speakers. The highlight of this education project will be to have a national recognized presenter on abstinence, spend time with students, parents, teachers and community members.

Budget for 1999-2000 = \$2,200.00

In-Kind - \$1,659.70