

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the Comprehensive Sex Education Guidelines

SECTION 3. DEFINITIONS.

For the purposes of this Act, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

- (a) "Age-appropriate" means topics, messages, and teaching methods suitable to particular age and developmental levels, based on cognitive, emotional, social and experience level of most students at that age level.
- (b) "Medically accurate" means supported by peer-reviewed research conducted in compliance with accepted scientific methods, and recognized as accurate and objective by leading medical, psychological, psychiatric, and public health organizations and agencies, and, where relevant, published in peer-reviewed scientific journals.

SECTION 4. SEX EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS.

- (a) No later than the [2016-2017] school year, each school district shall provide medically accurate, developmentally and age-appropriate sex education in grades K-12 at all public elementary and secondary schools.
- (b) Sex education shall:
 - (1) Provide age-appropriate and medically accurate information about human sexuality as a normal and healthy aspect of human development;
 - (2) Teach the benefits of delaying sexual activity and stress the importance of effectively using contraceptives and barrier methods to prevent unintended pregnancy and to protect against sexually transmitted infections, including HIV/AIDS;
 - (3) Help students develop the relationship and communication skills to form healthy relationships throughout their lives that are based on mutual respect and affection and are free from violence, coercion, and intimidation;
 - (4) Help young people gain knowledge about the physical, social, and emotional changes of adolescence and subsequent stages of human maturation, including how pregnancy happens;
 - (5) Help students develop skills in critical thinking, problem solving, decision making, and stress management in order to make healthy decisions about sexuality and relationships; and
 - (6) Encourage youth to communicate with their parents, guardians, health care and social service professionals, and other trusted adults about sexuality and intimate relations.

- (c) Instructors may, at their own discretion, answer in good faith any question initiated by a student or students that is reasonably related to and consistent with the material of the course.
- (d) Jefferson County Public Schools may eliminate or modify components of instruction under subsection (b)(2) in elementary school for reasons of age-appropriateness.
- (e) Sex education shall not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, ethnicity, national origin, disability, religion, sexual orientation, or gender identity.

SECTION 5. PARENTAL REQUESTS.

- (a) Schools shall make curriculum available for viewing upon request.
- (b) A student shall only be excused from any part of the instruction provided in accordance with this Act at the written request of a parent or guardian.
- (c) A student may not be subject to disciplinary action, academic penalty, or other sanction if the pupil's parent or guardian requests the student not receive the instruction provided under this Act.

SECTION 6. IMPLEMENTATION OF PROGRAMS.

- (a) Jefferson County Public Schools shall promulgate rules to implement, administer, and ensure compliance with the provisions of this Act.
- (b) Jefferson County Public Schools shall develop and maintain a current list of sexual health education curricula that are consistent with this Act. Jefferson County Public Schools shall make this list publicly available.
- (c) Jefferson County Public Schools shall require minimum education and training qualifications for sex education instructors.
- (d) Jefferson County Public Schools shall, through existing reporting mechanisms, direct each school district to identify any curricula used to provide sex education, and shall report the results of this inquiry to the Jefferson County Board of Education biennially, beginning one year after the enactment date.