



Massachusetts
Family Institute

MFI Brief

Health Curriculum Frameworks (HB 3793)

Why we oppose the sex education mandate

The Massachusetts legislature is considering a proposal to mandate a particular sex education standard for schools across the state. Unlike topics such as math and science, there is no public consensus regarding sex education. Currently the Health Curriculum Frameworks are available to school districts and educators, but each school system is free to customize them based on the needs of their student populations and parental input. HB 3793 would eliminate that option.

Loss of Local Control

If adopted, the Health Curriculum Frameworks would remove control of health education from locally elected school committees, and put it in the hands of MA Dept. of Elementary and Secondary Education and its commissioner, Mitchell Chester.

Chester is the same unelected bureaucrat who made national headlines last year by issuing the radical transgender bathroom policy for MA schools. He then refused to listen to legislators who informed him he was acting beyond the scope of the law.

HB 3793 would force local schools to report their compliance with the sex ed mandate to Commissioner Chester. This reduces choices regarding WHEN sensitive topics are taught to young children, removing power from parents and educators to make these decisions based on their knowledge of the school system and its population.



Problematic Topics Required

The curriculum mandates instruction on several topics that the average parent or school committee member would find objectionable. Many of the required topics are designed to be taught in a way that conveys implicit approval of sexual activity among very young students, despite the legal age of consent of 16 years old.

For example, HB 3793 would include the following as "age appropriate":

- Teaching children as young as 11 years old about alternative sexual behaviors to avoid pregnancy
- Teaching children as young as 5 years old to accept alternative sexual lifestyles as normal, natural, and healthy, thereby contradicting the religious teachings of parents.

Who will be writing the curriculum to comply with the Frameworks? The Department of Education is already coordinating for public school teachers to be certified by Planned Parenthood in their "Get Real" sex ed curriculum, and Planned Parenthood of MA is actively promoting this bill.

Please oppose the Health Curriculum Frameworks and any other efforts to remove control of health education from local parents and school boards.

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Children Ages 5 - 10 will be required to:

- Describe "different types of Families," addressing membership and social influences. This means alternative families headed by same-sex parents or a single gay parent.
- Define sexual orientation using the "correct" terminology, such as "heterosexual, gay, and lesbian."

Children Ages 11-14 will be taught:

- Acceptance of consensual pre-marital sex.
- Acceptance of alternative lifestyles.
- Methods for avoiding pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases.

"Opt Out" doesn't work:

- David Parker couldn't protect his Kindergarten son from being exposed to books like "King & King."
- "Parental Notification" is still not defined. There are no safeguards for the how or what of notifying parents.
- Multiple parents have complained that they were not adequately notified about sex related material or "guest speakers" at school assemblies, but the only appeal process is to petition Commissioner Chester!!!