

# **A Bill to Enhance Health Education in Iowa for Students in Public Elementary Schools.**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1    **SECTION 1.**    Schools shall implement comprehensive research-based health education  
2                    into their curriculum to set students up for success. This new curriculum  
3                    shall put an emphasis on bodily autonomy, anatomy, healthy relationships,  
4                    gender identity and sexual orientation, sexually-transmitted diseases and  
5                    infections, puberty, contraceptives, HIV, pregnancy and reproduction, and  
6                    personal safety. Courses should not be abstinence-based or  
7                    abstinence-only. Health education should also be age-appropriate.
- 8    **SECTION 2.**    In chapter 279.50 of the Iowa Code, ‘age-appropriate’ is defined as  
9                    “topics, messages, and teaching methods suitable to particular ages or age  
10                   groups of children and adolescents, based on developing cognitive,  
11                   emotional, and behavioral capacity typical for the age or age group”.
- 12   **SECTION 3.**    The Department of Education will oversee the enforcement of this bill.  
13                    Schools who fail to comply with this legislation will face an immediate loss  
                      of funding from the government.
- SECTION 4.**   This legislation will take effect on July 1, 2023. All laws in conflict with this  
                      legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Carroll High School.*