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HUMAN RESOURCES

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the establishment of an abstinence education
2 pilot program.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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HF 423

1 Section 1. ABSTINENCE EDUCATION PILOT PROGRAM -- CHOOSING
2 THE BEST -- ADOLESCENT PREGNANCY PREVENTION APPROPRIATION.

3 1. The department of human services in cooperation with
4 the department of education and the Iowa department of public
5 health shall implement an abstinence education pilot program
6 entitled "Choosing the Best" to be implemented in both rural
7 and urban school districts in grades six through nine, which
8 includes negotiating a contract with university of Iowa
9 basketball star Jess Settles to develop a video for use in the
10 program. The department shall implement the program to comply
11 with the requirements of section 912, Subchapter V of the
12 federal Social Security Act, as codified in 42 U.S.C. § 701 et
13 seq., which provides that abstinence education means an
14 educational or motivational program which includes the
15 following:

16 a. Has as its exclusive purpose teaching the social,
17 psychological, and health gains to be realized by abstaining
18 from sexual activity.

19 b. Teaches abstinence from sexual activity outside of
20 marriage as the expected standard for all school age children.

21 c. Teaches that abstinence from sexual activity is the
22 only certain way to avoid out-of-wedlock pregnancy, sexually
23 transmitted diseases, and other associated health problems.

24 d. Teaches that a mutually faithful monogamous
25 relationship in the context of marriage is the expected
26 standard of human sexual activity.

27 e. Teaches that sexual activity outside of the context of
28 marriage is likely to have harmful psychological and physical
29 effects.

30 f. Teaches that bearing children outside of marriage is
31 likely to have harmful consequences for the child, the child's
32 parents, and society.

33 g. Teaches young people how to reject sexual advances and
34 how alcohol and drug use increase vulnerability to sexual
35 advances.

1 h. Teaches the importance of attaining self-sufficiency
2 before engaging in sexual activity.

3 2. It is the intent of the general assembly that from the
4 funds appropriated to the department of human services for
5 community-based programs-adolescent pregnancy prevention for
6 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1997, and ending June 30,
7 1998, the following amount, or so much thereof as is
8 necessary, is allocated for the following:

9 For the required matching of federal funding to be received
10 on or after October 1, 1997, and for implementation of an
11 abstinence education pilot program to be implemented in both
12 urban and rural school districts in grades six through nine:
13 \$ 318,092

14 If federal funding is not received on or after October 1,
15 1997, the moneys allocated under this Act shall alone be used
16 for the purposes of this Act.

17 EXPLANATION

18 This bill directs the department of human services, in
19 cooperation with the department of education and the Iowa
20 department of public health, to implement an abstinence
21 education pilot program entitled "Choosing the Best" in both
22 rural and urban school districts in grades six through nine
23 which includes negotiating a contract with university of Iowa
24 basketball star Jess Settles to develop a video to be used in
25 the program. The bill defines abstinence education and
26 provides funding for the pilot program through allocation of
27 moneys appropriated to the department of human services for
28 community-based programs-adolescent pregnancy prevention. It
29 is expected that federal funding will be available on or after
30 October 1, 1997. However, if federal funding is not received,
31 the moneys are to be used for the purposes of the bill.

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