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BY COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to abstinence education programs including the
2 establishment of an abstinence education pilot program.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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HF 691

1 Section 1. ABSTINENCE EDUCATION PILOT PROGRAM -- CHOOSING
2 THE BEST.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

35 h. Teaches the importance of attaining self-sufficiency

1 before engaging in sexual activity.

2 2. a. It is the intent of the general assembly that the
3 Iowa department of public health and the department of human
4 services shall identify existing abstinence education and
5 community-based programs which meet the guidelines specified
6 in subsection 1 in order for the required matching of federal
7 funding to be received on or after October 1, 1997.

8 b. Of the federal funds received by the Iowa department of
9 public health, not more than \$100,000 shall be used for
10 implementation of an abstinence education pilot program
11 entitled "Choosing the Best" in accordance with the
12 requirements of subsection 1.

13 c. The remaining federal funds received by the Iowa
14 department of public health shall be used to provide grants
15 for abstinence education programs which are consistent with
16 the federal requirements of section 912, subchapter V, of the
17 federal Social Security Act, as codified in 42 U.S.C. § 701 et
18 seq. A grantee, including an existing program, may provide
19 three dollars in local, private, or other funding for every
20 four dollars of federal funding provided through the grant.

21 EXPLANATION

22 This bill directs the Iowa department of public health, in
23 cooperation with the department of human services and the
24 department of education, to implement an abstinence education
25 pilot program entitled "Choosing the Best" in both rural and
26 urban school districts in grades six through nine which may
27 include development of a video to be used in the program. The
28 bill defines abstinence education as provided in federal law
29 for the purposes of drawing down federal funding for the state
30 abstinence education pilot program and other state abstinence
31 education programs. The bill directs the Iowa department of
32 public health and the department of human services to identify
33 existing programs which meet the federal requirements to draw
34 down federal funds, provides that up to \$100,000 of the
35 federal funds received are to be used for the pilot program,

1 and provides that the remaining federal funds received are to
2 be used to provide grants for abstinence education programs
3 which meet the federal requirements.

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1 Amend House File 691 as follows:

2 1. Page 1, by striking line 6, and inserting the
3 following: "program to be implemented in both".

4 2. Page 2, by inserting after line 1, the
5 following:

6 "i. Provides information regarding the risks of
7 contracting sexually-transmitted diseases."

8 3. Page 2, by inserting after line 1 the
9 following:

10 "If the Iowa department of public health develops a
11 video for use in the program, the director of public
12 health shall establish a task force to assist in
13 development of the video. The director shall select a
14 representative of the health care profession, an
15 adolescent treatment program, school nurses, secondary
16 school teachers, and others with expertise in
17 pregnancy prevention as members of the task force. If
18 a video is developed the Iowa department of public
19 health shall provide a copy of the video to any school
20 with students in grades six through nine, upon request
21 and for a fee which is the actual cost of postage and
22 handling."

23 4. Page 2, by striking line 11, and inserting the
24 following: "in accordance with the".

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