

**House File 450 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act requiring that human growth and development instruction  
2 provided by school districts include instruction on consent.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 279.50, subsection 2, Code 2019, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 2. Each school board shall provide age-appropriate and  
4 research-based instruction in human growth and development  
5 including instruction regarding human sexuality, self-esteem,  
6 stress management, interpersonal relationships and consent,  
7 domestic abuse, HPV and the availability of a vaccine to  
8 prevent HPV, and acquired immune deficiency syndrome as  
9 required in [section 256.11](#), in grades one through twelve.

10 Sec. 2. Section 279.50, subsection 9, Code 2019, is amended  
11 by adding the following new paragraph:

12 NEW PARAGRAPH. *Ob.* "Consent" means affirmative, conscious,  
13 and voluntary agreement to engage in sexual activity. It is a  
14 responsibility of each person involved in sexual activity to  
15 ensure that the other or others consent to engage in the sexual  
16 activity. Consent must be ongoing throughout a sexual activity  
17 and can be revoked at any time.

18 EXPLANATION

19 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
20 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

21 This bill provides that age-appropriate and research-based  
22 instruction in human growth and development, which each school  
23 board must provide to students enrolled in grades 1 through 12,  
24 must include instruction regarding consent. The bill defines  
25 "consent" as affirmative, conscious, and voluntary agreement  
26 to engage in sexual activity. It is a responsibility of each  
27 person involved in sexual activity to ensure that the other or  
28 others consent to engage in the sexual activity. Consent must  
29 be ongoing throughout a sexual activity and can be revoked at  
30 any time.