

House File 2138 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the human growth and development curriculum
2 provided by school districts, including enrollment of
3 students in grades seven through twelve in human growth and
4 development courses and information provided to parents and
5 guardians.

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

1 Section 1. Section 279.50, subsections 4 and 6, Code 2024,
2 are amended to read as follows:

3 4. Each school board shall annually provide to a parent
4 or guardian of any pupil enrolled in the school district,
5 information all of the following:

6 a. Information about the human growth and development
7 curriculum used in the pupil's grade level and the.

8 b. The procedure for inspecting the human growth and
9 development course instructional materials prior to their use
10 in the classroom.

11 c. Information about human growth and development that may
12 be provided to pupils at an educational conference or seminar
13 for which the school district facilitates pupil attendance.

14 d. Information regarding the requirements for consent
15 described in subsection 6, if the student is enrolled in grades
16 seven through twelve.

17 6. A school district shall not enroll a pupil shall not
18 be required to take who is in grades seven through twelve
19 in a course of instruction in human growth and development
20 if or facilitate the attendance of a pupil in grades seven
21 through twelve at an educational conference or seminar that
22 provides information about human growth and development unless
23 the pupil's parent or guardian files with the appropriate
24 principal a written request that the pupil be excused from
25 the instruction informed consent acknowledging receipt of
26 the information required in subsection 4. Notification that
27 the written request may be made shall be included in the
28 information provided by the school district.

29 Sec. 2. IMPLEMENTATION OF ACT. Section 25B.2, subsection
30 3, shall not apply to this Act.

31 EXPLANATION

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

34 This bill relates to the human growth and development
35 curriculum provided by school districts, including enrollment

1 of students in grades 7 through 12 in human growth and
2 development courses and information provided to parents and
3 guardians.

4 The bill prohibits a school district from enrolling a pupil
5 who is in grades 7 through 12 in a course of instruction in
6 human growth and development, and from facilitating such
7 pupil's attendance at an educational conference or seminar that
8 includes information on human growth and development, unless
9 the pupil's parent or guardian files written informed consent
10 with the appropriate principal. The bill also requires the
11 board of directors of a school district to annually provide
12 to a parent or guardian of a pupil enrolled in the district
13 information about human growth and development that may be
14 provided to pupils at an educational conference or seminar for
15 which the school district facilitates pupil attendance.

16 The bill may include a state mandate as defined in Code
17 section 25B.3. The bill makes inapplicable Code section
18 25B.2, subsection 3, which would relieve a school district
19 from complying with a state mandate if funding for the cost of
20 the state mandate is not provided or specified. Therefore,
21 school districts are required to comply with any state mandate
22 included in the bill.