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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to human growth and development course enrollment
2 at school districts and to pupil attendance at educational
3 conferences or seminars in which human growth and development
4 information is provided.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 279.50, subsections 4 and 6, Code 2025,
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 in
10 the classroom.

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

14 d. Information regarding the requirements for consent
15 described in subsection 6.

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

26 Sec. 2. STATE MANDATE FUNDING SPECIFIED. In accordance with
27 section 25B.2, subsection 3, the state cost of requiring
28 compliance with any state mandate included in this Act shall
29 be paid by a school district from state school foundation aid
30 received by the school district under section 257.16. This
31 specification of the payment of the state cost shall be deemed
32 to meet all of the state funding-related requirements of section
33 25B.2, subsection 3, and no additional state funding shall
34 be necessary for the full implementation of this Act by and
35 enforcement of this Act against all affected school districts.

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EXPLANATION

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

This bill prohibits a school district from enrolling a pupil in a course of instruction in human growth and development, and from facilitating a pupil's attendance at an educational conference or seminar that includes information on human growth and development, unless the pupil's parent or guardian files written informed consent with the appropriate principal. The bill also requires the board of directors of a school district to annually provide to a parent or guardian of a pupil enrolled in the district information about human growth and development that may be provided to pupils at an educational conference or seminar for which the school district facilitates pupil attendance.

The bill may include a state mandate as defined in Code section 25B.3. The bill requires that the state cost of any state mandate included in the bill be paid by a school district from state school foundation aid received by the school district under Code section 257.16. The specification is deemed to constitute state compliance with any state mandate funding-related requirements of Code section 25B.2. The inclusion of this specification is intended to reinstate the requirement of political subdivisions to comply with any state mandates included in the bill.