

A bill for an act

relating to education; modifying the sexually transmitted infections and diseases education program; requiring information on certain immunizations; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 121A.23, subdivision 1; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 121A.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 121A.23, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Sexually transmitted infections and diseases program.** The commissioner of education, in consultation with the commissioner of health, shall assist districts in developing and implementing a program to prevent and reduce the risk of pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections and diseases, including but not exclusive to human immune deficiency virus and human papilloma virus. Each district must have a program that includes at least:

(1) planning materials, guidelines, and other ~~technically~~ medically accurate and ~~updated~~ age appropriate information;

(2) a comprehensive, ~~technically~~ medically accurate, and ~~updated~~ age appropriate curriculum that includes helping students to abstain from sexual activity until marriage, contributes to healthy relationships, develops communication skills, and promotes individual responsibility;

(3) cooperation and coordination among districts and SCs;

(4) ~~a targeting of~~ prevention efforts for adolescents, especially those who may be at high risk of pregnancy or contracting sexually transmitted infections and diseases, ~~for prevention efforts;~~

(5) involvement of parents and other community members;

(6) in-service training for appropriate district staff and school board members;

(7) collaboration with state agencies and organizations having a sexually transmitted infection and disease prevention or sexually transmitted infection and disease risk reduction program;

(8) collaboration with local community health services, agencies and organizations having a sexually transmitted infection and disease prevention or sexually transmitted infection and disease risk reduction program; and

(9) participation by state and local student organizations.

The department may provide assistance at a neutral site to a nonpublic school participating in a district's program. District programs must not conflict with the health and wellness curriculum developed under Laws 1987, chapter 398, article 5, section 2, subdivision 7.

If a district fails to develop and implement a program to prevent and reduce the risk of pregnancy and sexually transmitted infection and disease, the department must assist the service cooperative in the region serving that district to develop or implement the program.

Sec. 2. [121A.232] INFORMATION ON IMMUNIZATIONS.

(a) If, at any time during a school year, a public or private school provides information on immunizations, infectious disease, medications, or other school health issues to parents and legal guardians of pupils in grade 6, 9, or 12, the school is required to include with that information the following:

(1) information about meningococcal meningitis and the vaccine for meningococcal meningitis, including the causes and symptoms of meningococcal meningitis, how it is spread, and sources where parents and legal guardians may obtain additional information about meningococcal meningitis and may obtain vaccination of a child against meningococcal meningitis; and

(2) information about human papillomavirus and the vaccine for human papillomavirus, including the risks associated with human papillomavirus; the availability, effectiveness, and potential risks of immunization for human papillomavirus; and sources where parents and legal guardians may obtain additional information about human papillomavirus and may obtain vaccination of a child against human papillomavirus.

(b) The Department of Education, in cooperation with the Department of Health, shall develop and make available to school districts, public schools, and private schools information that meets the requirements of paragraph (a), clauses (1) and (2). The department shall do this in the manner the department deems to be the most cost-effective

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- 3.1 and programmatically effective, which shall include at the very least, posting the
- 3.2 information on the department's Web site.