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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1229

Page 1, line 1, after "A BILL" replace the remainder of the bill with "for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 15.1-21 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the teaching of abstinence with the school health curriculum.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. A new section to chapter 15.1-21 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Teaching of abstinence - Health curriculum.

Beginning July 1, 2012, each school district shall ensure that its curriculum for health has as its objective to teach the social, psychological, and health gains to be realized by abstaining from sexual activity. The curriculum must:

1. Explain why abstinence from sexual activity until marriage provides safety from sexually transmitted diseases, pregnancy, and other associated health issues;
2. Teach how to reject sexual advances, including self-defense;
3. Inform how drugs, alcohol, irresponsible use of social media, and peer pressure can negatively influence unhealthy sexual decisionmaking and lead to aggressive sexual behavior; and
4. Explain the negative influences of the sex-saturated media that present teen sexual activity as an expected norm with few risks or negative consequences."

Renumber accordingly