

Sixty-second
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1229

Introduced by

Representatives Grande, Rohr, Schatz, Hunskor

Senators Luick, O'Connell

1 A BILL ~~for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 15.1-21 of the North Dakota~~
2 ~~Century Code, relating to abstinence-based concepts within the school health curriculum.~~for an
3 Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 15.1-21 of the North Dakota Century Code,
4 relating to the teaching of abstinence with the school health curriculum.

5 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

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

8 ~~Abstinence-based concepts – Health curriculum.~~

9 ~~Beginning July 1, 2012, each school district shall ensure that its curriculum for health~~
10 ~~includes the exposure of students to abstinence-based concepts.~~

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

13 Teaching of abstinence - Health curriculum.

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

17 1. Explain why abstinence from sexual activity until marriage provides safety from
18 sexually transmitted diseases, pregnancy, and other associated health issues;

19 2. Teach how to reject sexual advances, including self-defense;

20 3. Inform how drugs, alcohol, irresponsible use of social media, and peer pressure can
21 negatively influence unhealthy sexual decisionmaking and lead to aggressive sexual
22 behavior; and

23 4. Explain the negative influences of the sex-saturated media that present teen sexual
24 activity as an expected norm with few risks or negative consequences.

