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H.B. No. 3165

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to medically accurate information in the provision of
3 instruction or the development of material relating to human
4 development and human sexuality.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

6 SECTION 1. Chapter 163, Health and Safety Code, is amended
7 by adding Section 163.003 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 163.003. MEDICALLY ACCURATE INFORMATION REQUIRED. (a)
9 In this section, "medically accurate" means information supported
10 by the weight of peer-reviewed research conducted in compliance
11 with accepted scientific methods and recognized as accurate and
12 objective by leading professional organizations and agencies with
13 relevant expertise in the field.

14 (b) A person who receives funding or other assistance from a
15 department, agency, or political subdivision of this state to
16 provide instruction or develop material for instruction regarding
17 human development or human sexuality shall provide medically
18 accurate information. Human development or human sexuality
19 instruction includes:

- 20 (1) sex education;
21 (2) family life education;
22 (3) abstinence-only education;
23 (4) health education; and
24 (5) character education.

1 (c) A department, agency, or political subdivision of this
2 state may not provide funding or other assistance for instruction
3 or materials for instruction regarding human development or human
4 sexuality unless the entity obtains assurance that the person
5 providing the instruction or developing the material will provide
6 or include only medically accurate information.

7 (d) A person who receives funding or other assistance under
8 Subsection (c) shall lose that funding immediately if the person
9 provides or includes information under this section that is not
10 medically accurate.

11 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
12 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
13 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
14 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
15 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.