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H.B. No. 1371

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to prohibiting accepting federal funding for  
abstinence-only education.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 531, Health and Safety  
Code, is amended by adding Section 531.0281 to read as follows:

Sec. 531.0281. FEDERAL FUNDING FOR ABSTINENCE-ONLY  
EDUCATION. (a) In this section, "abstinence-only education" means  
an educational or motivational program that does not include  
information about preventing pregnancy, sexually transmitted  
diseases, infection with human immunodeficiency virus, or acquired  
immune deficiency syndrome through any means other than total  
abstinence from sexual activity.

(b) The commission may not apply for or accept federal  
funds, including funds under Section 510, Social Security Act (42  
U.S.C. Section 710), for abstinence-only education.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
Act takes effect September 1, 2009.