

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 579

BY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1 RELATING TO SEX EDUCATION; REPEALING SECTIONS 33-1608 THROUGH 33-1611,
2 IDAHO CODE, RELATING TO SEX EDUCATION; AND AMENDING CHAPTER 16, TITLE
3 33, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 33-1608, IDAHO CODE, TO
4 ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING SEX EDUCATION.
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6 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

7 SECTION 1. That Sections [33-1608](#) through [33-1611](#), Idaho Code, be, and
8 the same are hereby repealed.

9 SECTION 2. That Chapter 16, Title 33, Idaho Code, be, and the same is
10 hereby amended by the addition thereto of a NEW SECTION, to be known and des-
11 ignated as Section 33-1608, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

12 33-1608. SEX EDUCATION. (1) The legislature of the state of Idaho ac-
13 knowledges the importance of families in all aspects of their children's ed-
14 ucation and promotes a strong school-home connection to support the imple-
15 mentation of sex education curriculum that respects community values and en-
16 courages family communication.

17 (2) For purposes of this section, "sex education" means the study of the
18 anatomy and physiology of human reproduction.

19 (3) The decision to include sex education in the school curriculum
20 shall be made at the district level by the board of trustees. If a sex educa-
21 tion program is included in the curriculum, the program shall:

22 (a) Be medically accurate according to published authorities on which
23 medical professionals generally rely; and

24 (b) Adhere to the Idaho content standards for health education as es-
25 tablished by the state board of education.

26 (4) School districts shall involve families and community groups in the
27 planning, development, evaluation and revision of any instruction in sex ed-
28 ucation offered as part of the school curriculum.

29 (5) A child shall be excused from sex education if the child's parent
30 or legal guardian files an excuse request to the school district board of
31 trustees on a form made available by the board.