LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF IDAHO
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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 579

BY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

AN ACT
RELATING TO SEX EDUCATION; REPEALING SECTIONS 33-1608 THROUGH 33-1611, IDAHO CODE, RELATING TO SEX EDUCATION; AND AMENDING CHAPTER 16, TITLE 33, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 33-1608, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING SEX EDUCATION.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

SECTION 1. That Sections 33-1608 through 33-1611, Idaho Code, be, and the same are hereby repealed.

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

33-1608. SEX EDUCATION. (1) The legislature of the state of Idaho acknowledges the importance of families in all aspects of their children's education and promotes a strong school-home connection to support the implementation of sex education curriculum that respects community values and encourages family communication.

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

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

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

(b) Adhere to the Idaho content standards for health education as established by the state board of education.

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

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