

Introduced by Senator Jackson

February 19, 2016

An act to amend Section 33544 of the Education Code, relating to school curriculum.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1435, as introduced, Jackson. School curriculum: health education: healthy relationships.

Existing law requires the Instructional Quality Commission, during the next revision after January 1, 2016, of the publication "Health Framework for California Public Schools," to consider including comprehensive information for grades 9 to 12, inclusive, on sexual harassment and violence, as specified.

This bill would instead require the commission to include that comprehensive information during the next revision after January 1, 2017, and also to include comprehensive information, for grades 1 to 8, inclusive, on the development of healthy relationships, as specified.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 33544 of the Education Code is amended
2 to read:
3 33544. (a) When the "Health Framework for California Public
4 Schools" (health framework) is next revised after January 1, 2016,
5 2017, the commission shall ~~consider including~~ include
6 comprehensive information *on both of the following:* ~~for~~

- 1 (1) For grades 9 to 12, inclusive, on sexual harassment and
- 2 violence that includes, but is not limited to, all of the following:
- 3 (1)
- 4 (A) Information on different forms of sexual harassment and
- 5 violence, including instances that occur among peers and in a
- 6 dating relationship; a discussion of prevention strategies; how
- 7 pupils report sexual harassment and violence; and potential
- 8 resources victims can access.
- 9 (2)
- 10 (B) Discussion of the affirmative consent standard, as defined
- 11 in paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) of Section 67386, and skills
- 12 pupils use to establish boundaries in peer and dating relationships.
- 13 (3)
- 14 (C) Discussion of legal aspects of sexual harassment and
- 15 violence under state and federal law.
- 16 (2) For grades 1 to 8, inclusive, on the development of healthy
- 17 relationships, which shall be age and developmentally appropriate.
- 18 (b) ~~If the commission includes~~ *In including* comprehensive
- 19 information on sexual harassment and violence *and on the*
- 20 *development of healthy relationships* in the health framework, the
- 21 commission shall comply with both of the following:
- 22 (1) Ensure information included in the framework is ~~research~~
- 23 ~~based~~ *research-based* and appropriate for pupils of all races,
- 24 genders, sexual orientations, gender identities, and ethnic and
- 25 cultural backgrounds. This may include, but shall not be limited
- 26 to, reviewing other states' curricula.
- 27 (2) Consult with secondary health teachers and experts in sexual
- 28 harassment and violence curriculum.