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## BILL REQUEST - CODE REVISER'S OFFICE

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ATTY/TYPIST: ML:roy

BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

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AN ACT Relating to sexual education for public school children; adding a new section to chapter 28A.300 RCW; creating new sections; and repealing RCW 28A.300.475.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.300 RCW to read as follows:

(1) Public schools shall offer opt-in sexual health education programs only for grades 5 through 12 that conform with the requirements of subsection (2) of this section. All curriculum, materials, and speakers must be available for review on the public school's web site prior to implementation to allow parents or legal guardians the opportunity to reevaluate participation at any point in the year.

(2) Local public school districts shall enforce their local authority to develop and implement a sexual health education program that conforms with the values of the parents or legal guardians and the families in their community. Public schools must provide primary prevention messages to achieve optimal healthy outcomes that help students avoid sexual risk-taking behaviors. All materials must be developmentally suitable, with footnoted medical facts, and must be able to be broadcast on public media.

NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The provisions of this act must be liberally interpreted to effectuate the policies, purposes, and intent of this act in order to provide local control of sex education standards and curriculum that protect children. This act is to be construed in favor of a broad protection of parental rights to the maximum extent permitted by the terms of this chapter and the state Constitution.

NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** RCW 28A.300.475 (Medically accurate sexual health education—Curricula—Participation excused—Parental review) and 2020 c 188 s 1 & 2007 c 265 s 2 are each repealed.

NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** This act may be known and cited as the common sense sex education act.

NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

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