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SUMMARY

- Removes the requirement of the adoption of a concurrent resolution when adopting or revising state standards or curriculum for health education.
- Requires the adoption of a concurrent resolution when adopting or revising state standards for venereal disease education.
- Requires the State Board of Education to develop and adopt health education standards for grades K-12 health education.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

Health education and venereal disease education standards and curricula

The bill changes the process by which the State Board of Education adopts or revises standards and curriculum for health education. Current law requires the passage of a concurrent resolution by both houses of the General Assembly before the State Board may add or revise any standards or curriculum for health education. Prior to voting on the adoption of the concurrent resolution, the standing committee of each house must hold at least one public hearing.

The bill revises the law to require the adoption of a concurrent resolution and public hearings only when adopting or revising standards or curricula regarding venereal disease education.¹

The bill also specifically permits each school district and school to develop its own standards and curriculum for instruction in venereal disease education, provided that it

¹ R.C. 3301.0718(A).

emphasizes abstinence as the only guarantor in preventing venereal disease, as required under separate continuing law.²

State Board adoption of health education standards

The bill requires the State Board to develop and adopt health education standards for grades K-12 by July 1, 2020. The State Board then must provide the standards, and any future revisions to them, to all public schools. The methodology used to develop the standards must be based on that used by the State Board to develop other academic content areas.

The bill also states that each school district and school may choose to utilize health education standards developed by the State Board.³

HISTORY

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² R.C. 3301.0718(B) and 3313.6011(B), (C), and (D).

³ R.C. 3301.0727.