



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Bill Analysis

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H.B. 85*

131st General Assembly
(As Reported by H. Judiciary)

Reps. Ramos and Hagan, Becker, Rezabek, Lepore-Hagan, Fedor, M. O'Brien, Sheehy, Driehaus, Slesnick

BILL SUMMARY

- Requires each school district, community school, and STEM school to include annual age-appropriate instruction in child sexual abuse prevention in the district's or school's health curriculum for grades kindergarten through six.
- Requires each school district, community school, and STEM school to include annual age-appropriate instruction in sexual violence prevention education in the district's or school's health curriculum for grades seven through twelve.
- Requires each school district, community school, and STEM school to incorporate training on child sexual abuse into its required in-service training for teachers and other professionals.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Health curriculum

The bill adds two new areas of instruction to the general health curriculum requirements for school districts, community schools, and STEM schools: (1) instruction in child sexual abuse prevention for students in grades kindergarten through six and (2) instruction in sexual violence prevention education for students in grades seven through twelve.

* This analysis was prepared before the report of the House Judiciary Committee appeared in the House Journal. Note that the list of co-sponsors and the legislative history may be incomplete.

Instruction in child sexual abuse prevention

The bill requires each school district, community school, and STEM school to include annual age-appropriate instruction in child sexual abuse prevention in the district's or school's health curriculum for students in grades kindergarten through six.¹ This instruction must include information on available counseling and resources for children who are sexually abused.

A community school is subject to this requirement only if the school serves students in any of grades kindergarten through six.² A STEM school is subject to this requirement only if the school serves students in sixth grade.³ Under current law not changed by the bill, a STEM school serves students in any of grades six through twelve.⁴

Instruction in sexual violence prevention education

The bill requires each school district, community school, and STEM school to include annual age-appropriate instruction in sexual violence prevention education in the district's or school's health curriculum for students in grades seven through twelve.⁵ If the parent or legal guardian of a student less than 18 years of age who is attending a school in the district, a community school, or a STEM school submits to the principal of the student's school a written request to examine the sexual violence prevention education instruction materials used at that school, the principal, within a reasonable period of time after the request is made, must allow the parent or guardian to examine those materials at that school.⁶

A community school or STEM school is subject to the bill's sexual violence prevention education requirement only if the school serves students in any of grades seven through twelve.⁷

¹ R.C. 3313.60(A)(5)(d), 3314.031(A), and 3326.091(A).

² R.C. 3314.031(A).

³ R.C. 3326.091(A).

⁴ R.C. 3326.03(C)(3), not in the bill.

⁵ R.C. 3313.60(A)(5)(f), 3314.031(B)(1), and 3326.091(B)(1).

⁶ R.C. 3313.60(A)(5)(f), 3314.031(B)(2), and 3326.091(B)(2).

⁷ R.C. 3314.031(B)(1) and 3326.091(B)(1).



In-service staff training in child sexual abuse prevention

The bill requires each school district, community school,⁸ and STEM school⁹ to incorporate training on child sexual abuse into its required in-service training for teachers, nurses, counselors, school psychologists, and administrators.¹⁰ This training must count toward the satisfaction of requirements for professional development required by the district or school.

HISTORY

ACTION	DATE
Introduced	02-25-15
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⁸ R.C. 3314.03(A)(11)(d), not in the bill.

⁹ R.C. 3326.11, not in the bill.

¹⁰ R.C. 3319.073(E).

