

Senate Resolution No. 1715

By Committee on Federal and State Affairs

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1 A RESOLUTION urging unified school district boards to adopt
2 comprehensive sex education standards and curriculum.

3 WHEREAS, Access to comprehensive health education equips young
4 people with the skills and information to live healthy mental, emotional,
5 intellectual and social lives; and

6 WHEREAS, Sex education can encourage better sexual health
7 outcomes, reduce stigma and prepare young people to lead healthy and
8 fulfilling lives; and

9 WHEREAS, Students who receive lesbian-, gay-, bisexual-,
10 transgender- and queer-inclusive sex education report less bullying and
11 harassment based on sexual orientation, gender identity or gender
12 expression; and

13 WHEREAS, Parents, the general public and young people
14 overwhelmingly support comprehensive sex education. In fact, polling
15 has found that 96% of parents support providing sex education in high
16 school and 93% support it in middle school; and

17 WHEREAS, The leading health and education organizations support
18 sex education that includes information about both delaying sexual
19 activity and effective contraception use; and

20 WHEREAS, Students in Kansas often lack the education they need to
21 prevent unintended pregnancies, HIV and other sexually transmitted
22 infections, and to develop healthy relationship and decision-making
23 skills: Now, therefore,

24 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That
25 comprehensive sex education promotes awareness of and healthy
26 attitudes about growth and development, body image, gender identity,
27 gender expression, sexuality, sexual health, sexual orientation, dating,
28 relationships and family, and should be designed to positively affect
29 adolescent behavior. Sex education should provide K-12 students with the
30 information, skills and support they need to acquire accurate information
31 and make healthy decisions throughout their lives; and

32 *Be it further resolved:* That comprehensive sex education means
33 medically accurate instruction as part of a comprehensive school health
34 education approach addressing the physical, mental, emotional and social
35 dimensions of human sexuality, designed to motivate and assist students
36 to maintain and improve their sexual health, prevent disease and reduce

1 sexual health-related risk behaviors and enable and empower students to
2 develop and demonstrate culturally, developmentally and age-appropriate
3 sexuality and sexual health-related knowledge, attitudes, skills and
4 practices; and

5 *Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate shall send an
6 enrolled copy of this resolution to Governor Brownback and to members
7 of the Kansas state board of education.