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Amendment Form

Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 304

TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS HEALTHY LIFESTYLE EDUCATION ACT OF 2019; AND TO ENSURE THE
HEALTH CURRICULUM IN ARKANSAS PUBLIC SCHOOLS ADDRESSES CERTAIN HEALTH ISSUES
FACING STUDENTS.

Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 304

Amend Senate Bill No. 304 as engrossed, S2/26/19 (version: 2/26/2019 10:23:44 AM)

Page 2, delete lines 13 through 36, and substitute the following:

"(a) A public school district may offer an age-appropriate health course with a curriculum that provides instruction to public school students in grades seven through twelve (7-12) on:

(1)(A) Mental health issues.

(B) Instruction on topics pertaining to mental health issues under this section shall include the following:

(i) Suicide prevention methods; and

(ii) Information regarding recognition of mental health crises;

(2)(A) Substance abuse and addiction issues.

(B) Instruction on topics pertaining to substance abuse and addiction issues under this section shall include information regarding the following:

(i) Abuse of prescription drugs, illicit drugs, alcohol, and other substances known to be abused; and

(ii) Substance abuse, consequences of substance abuse, and prevention methods;

(3)(A) Diet and obesity issues.

(B) Instruction on topics pertaining to diet and obesity issues under this section shall include information regarding the following:

(i) Obesity;

(ii) Cardiovascular disease; and

(iii) Type 2 diabetes;"

AND

Page 3, delete lines 1 through 28, and substitute the following:

"(4)(A) Tobacco use prevention and cessation.



(B) Instruction on topics pertaining to tobacco use prevention and cessation under this section shall include information regarding the following:

(i) Adverse health effects of using any form of tobacco or nicotine delivery system;

(ii) E-cigarettes and vaping;

(iii) Addiction; and

(iv) Cessation; and

(5)(A) Teenage pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections prevention.

(B) Instruction on topics pertaining to teenage pregnancy prevention under this section shall include information regarding the prevention of pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections through age-appropriate and primary prevention-risk avoidance approaches.

(C) A parent or legal guardian of a public school student may submit a written request for his or her child to be excused from all or any part of the health curriculum regarding teenage pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections prevention under subdivisions (a)(5)(A) and (B) of this section.

(b) The Department of Education shall:

(1) Identify, in consultation with the Department of Health, resources required under this section; and

(2) Provide professional development support for teachers who are responsible for implementing the health curriculum required under this section."

The Amendment was read _____

By: Representative Burch

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