

State of Arkansas

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HOUSE BILL 1850

By: Representatives Walker and I. Brown

"AN ACT REQUIRING THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO PRESCRIBE  
A COURSE OF STUDY FOR OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN SEX EDUCATION  
AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. The State Board of Education shall prescribe courses of study in sex education and substance abuse (including both drug and alcohol abuse) to be offered by the public schools of this State. One course shall be designed for grades five through seven and the other course shall be designed for grades eight through twelve. The courses shall be of one semester duration and shall give primary emphasis to prevention. Furthermore, the State Board of Education shall provide to each school district a manual setting forth the details of the sex education and substance abuse courses. The State Board shall make the manuals available to the school districts within the time frame necessary for commencing the classes at the beginning of the 1988-89 school year. The State Board of Education shall promulgate such regulations as necessary to efficiently, expeditiously and effectively implement this Act.

SECTION 2. It is mandatory that each public elementary and secondary school offer the courses prescribed by this Act, and it is mandatory that all public school students attend the classes for one semester in either grade 5, 6 or 7. Each student may, at his or her option, take an additional course offered in grades 8 through 12.

SECTION 3. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

