

***SB 1619 – Heather A. Steans - Iris Y. Martinez - David Koehler - Pamela J. Althoff - William Delgado, Emil Jones, III, Jeffrey M. Schoenberg, Mattie Hunter, Toi W. Hutchinson, Donne E. Trotter and Kimberly A. Lightford***

**VOTE YES**

***Illinois Personal Responsibility Education Program (Illinois-PREP) Act***

**Reduce unintended pregnancy, STI's and HIV/AIDS among youth.**

**REQUIREMENTS:**

- If an elementary or secondary public school offers sex education or sexual health education courses, the programs must be medically accurate and developmentally and age appropriate.
- Programs must include the benefits of delaying or abstaining from sexual activity.
- The Illinois State Board of Education will make resources, including model sex education curriculum, available on its website.
- Private or religious schools are not impacted in any way by this bill.

**PARENT CHOICE:**

- Schools must make sexual health education course materials available for review upon request.
- Parents can remove their children from sexual health education courses for any reason. Students cannot be penalized in any way if their parents remove them from a class.

**STATE REGULATION AND LOCAL CONTROL:**

- Local school districts have complete and sole authority to teach or **not to teach** sexual health education.
- Local districts will be able to choose which curriculum to implement. The Illinois State Board of Education will publish a list of model curriculums.
- Local school districts can adapt curriculums to the specific demographic, ethnic, linguistic or cultural needs of their communities.

**FUNDING:**

- The legislation is not an unfunded mandate since school districts have the choice whether or not to teach sexual health education.
- In 2010, Illinois received \$2.23 million from the new federal Personal Responsibility Education Program.

**TRAINING:**

Schools will receive, at no cost, training from the State to support teacher training using existing federal funds.

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