

HOUSE BILL No. 6227

November 24, 1992, Introduced by Rep. Clarke and referred to the Committee on Education.

A bill to amend section 1507 of Act No. 451 of the Public Acts of 1976, entitled as amended

"The school code of 1976,"

as amended by Act No. 87 of the Public Acts of 1981, being section 380.1507 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Section 1. Section 1507 of Act No. 451 of the Public Acts
2 of 1976, as amended by Act No. 87 of the Public Acts of 1981,
3 being section 380.1507 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, is amended
4 to read as follows:

5 Sec. 1507. (1) ~~THE~~ THE board of a school district may
6 engage qualified instructors and provide facilities and equipment
7 for instruction in sex education, including family planning,
8 human sexuality, and the emotional, physical, psychological,
9 hygienic, economic, and social aspects of family life.

1 Instruction may also include the subjects of reproductive health
2 and the recognition, prevention, and treatment of venereal
3 disease.

4 (2) The class described in subsection (1) shall be elective
5 and not a requirement for graduation.

6 (3) A pupil shall not be enrolled in a class in which the
7 subjects of family planning or reproductive health are discussed
8 unless the pupil's parent or guardian is notified in advance of
9 the course and the content of the course, is given a prior oppor-
10 tunity to review the materials to be used in the course, and is
11 notified in advance of his or her right to have the pupil excused
12 from the class. The state board shall determine the form and
13 content of the notice required in this subsection.

14 (4) Upon the written request of a pupil or the pupil's
15 parent or guardian, a pupil shall be excused, without penalty or
16 loss of academic credit, from attending the class described in
17 subsection (1).

18 (5) A school district that provides a class as permitted by
19 subsection (1) shall offer the instruction by teachers qualified
20 to teach health education. A school district shall not offer
21 this instruction unless an advisory board is established by the
22 district board to periodically review the materials and methods
23 of instruction used, and to make recommendations to the district
24 regarding changes in the materials or methods. The advisory
25 board shall consist of parents having children attending the
26 district's schools, pupils in the district's schools, educators,
27 local clergy, and community health professionals.

1 (6) A person shall not dispense or otherwise distribute in a
2 public school a family planning drug or device. HOWEVER, IF
3 AUTHORIZED BY A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT,
4 CONDOMS MAY BE DISPENSED OR OTHERWISE DISTRIBUTED IN A PUBLIC
5 SCHOOL IN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROCEDURES
6 ESTABLISHED IN THE RESOLUTION.

7 (7) As used in this section and section 1508, "family
8 planning" means the use of a range of methods of fertility regu-
9 lation to help individuals or couples avoid unwanted pregnancies;
10 bring about wanted births; regulate the intervals between preg-
11 nancies; and plan the time at which births occur in relation to
12 the age of parents. It may include the study of fetology. It
13 may include marital and genetic information. Clinical abortion
14 shall not be considered a method of family planning, nor shall
15 abortion be taught as a method of reproductive health.

16 (8) As used in this section:

17 (a) "Class" means an instructional period of limited dura-
18 tion, not to exceed 2 hours, within a course of instruction.

19 (b) "Course" means a series of classes linked by a common
20 subject matter.