

1-1 By: Hall S.B. No. 1396
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 19, 2025; March 6, 2025,
 1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Education K-16;
 1-4 March 26, 2025, reported adversely, with favorable Committee
 1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 2; March 26, 2025,
 1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	X			
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1-10	X			
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1-12	X			
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1-15		X		
1-16	X			
1-17	X			
1-18	X			
1-19		X		

1-20 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1396 By: Paxton

1-21 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-22 AN ACT

1-23 relating to prohibiting the adoption or use of national sex
 1-24 education standards in public schools.

1-25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-26 SECTION 1. Sections 28.002(b-1), (b-2), and (b-4),
 1-27 Education Code, are amended to read as follows:

1-28 (b-1) In this section:

1-29 (1) "Common~~[, "common]~~ core state standards" means the
 1-30 national curriculum standards developed by the Common Core State
 1-31 Standards Initiative.

1-32 (2) "National sex education standards" means national
 1-33 standards for instruction in human sexuality or sexually
 1-34 transmitted diseases, including standards developed by the Future
 1-35 of Sex Education Initiative.

1-36 (b-2) The State Board of Education may not adopt common core
 1-37 state standards or national sex education standards to comply with
 1-38 a duty imposed under this chapter.

1-39 (b-4) Notwithstanding any other provision of this code, a
 1-40 school district or open-enrollment charter school may not be
 1-41 required to offer any aspect of a common core state standards
 1-42 curriculum or any aspect of the national sex education standards.

1-43 SECTION 2. Section 28.004(e), Education Code, is amended to
 1-44 read as follows:

1-45 (e) Any course materials and instruction relating to human
 1-46 sexuality, sexually transmitted diseases, or human
 1-47 immunodeficiency virus or acquired immune deficiency syndrome
 1-48 shall be selected by the board of trustees with the advice of the
 1-49 local school health advisory council and:

1-50 (1) must:

1-51 (A) ~~[(1)]~~ present abstinence from sexual
 1-52 activity as the preferred choice of behavior in relationship to all
 1-53 sexual activity for unmarried persons of school age;

1-54 (B) ~~[(2)]~~ devote more attention to abstinence
 1-55 from sexual activity than to any other behavior;

1-56 (C) ~~[(3)]~~ emphasize that abstinence from sexual
 1-57 activity, if used consistently and correctly, is the only method
 1-58 that is 100 percent effective in preventing pregnancy, sexually
 1-59 transmitted diseases, infection with human immunodeficiency virus
 1-60 or acquired immune deficiency syndrome, and the emotional trauma

2-1 associated with adolescent sexual activity;
2-2 (D) [~~(4)~~] direct adolescents to a standard of
2-3 behavior in which abstinence from sexual activity before marriage
2-4 is the most effective way to prevent pregnancy, sexually
2-5 transmitted diseases, and infection with human immunodeficiency
2-6 virus or acquired immune deficiency syndrome; and
2-7 (E) [~~(5)~~] teach contraception and condom use in
2-8 terms of human use reality rates instead of theoretical laboratory
2-9 rates, if instruction on contraception and condoms is included in
2-10 curriculum content; and
2-11 (2) may not be based on national sex education
2-12 standards, as defined by Section 28.002(b-1).

2-13 SECTION 3. This Act applies beginning with the 2025-2026
2-14 school year.

2-15 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2-16 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2-17 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2-18 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2-19 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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