Insight



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Abstinence Emphasis

What do parents of Kentucky school children want for their children?

Senate Bill 71 insures that *IF* a Kentucky public school chooses to teach sex education, abstinence until marriage as the only 100% guarantee against pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) will be part of that curriculum. SB71 does not address other content that might be taught – that is left to the Site-Based Decision-Making Council

Opponents of SB71 advocate instead for what they call "Comprehensive Sex Education." "Comprehensive Sex Education" is being pushed on the national level by a very progressive coalition which includes Planned Parenthood, GLSEN¹(Gay, Lesbian Straight Network), Advocates for Youth, Rutgers University's "Answer, Sex Ed. Honestly", SEICUS and the Human Rights Campaign.² Their "Comprehensive" curriculum normalizes alternate lifestyle choices and encourages sexual activity and experimentation at a young age.

For examples of Comprehensive Sex Ed subject matter and approach see the attached screen shot from "*amaze.org*" – the website designed by members of the Comprehensive Sex Ed coalition and intended *for 10 to 14-year-olds*.

This information is readily available through the amaze website *amaze.org* and is promoted through social media by these groups.

Parents in Kentucky prefer their children to avoid sexually risky behavior.

For more information, please see the 2-minute PowerPoint with screen shots from the organizations pushing "Comprehensive Sex Education." Send emailed request for the PowerPoint to: **kent@kentuckyfamily.org**

¹ "Championing LGBTQ issues in K-12 education since 1990" website self-description ² "Advocating for LGBTQ Equality" website self-description

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