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Representative Brad L. Dee proposes the following substitute bill:

PROTECTIONS ON PARENTAL GUIDANCE IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

2015 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Brad L. Dee

Senate Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill amends provisions related to human sexuality instruction in public schools.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ requires a school to obtain prior written consent from a student's parent before the school can provide human sexuality instruction to a student;
- ▶ at a parent's choosing, requires a school to:
 - waive a student's human sexuality instruction requirements; or
 - provide a student with a reasonable alternative to the human sexuality instruction requirement; and

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- ▶ provides that a student's academic or citizenship performance may not be penalized if a parent chooses not to have a student participate in human sexuality instruction.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

53A-13-101.2, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2007, Chapter 114

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **53A-13-101.2** is amended to read:

53A-13-101.2. Waivers of participation -- Required parental consent for human sexuality instruction.

(1) As used in this section:

(a) (i) "Human sexuality instruction" means any course material, unit, class, lesson, discussion, activity, or presentation that provides instruction or information to a student about:

(A) sexual abstinence;

(B) sexuality;

~~(C) sexual orientation;~~

~~(D) gender identity;~~

~~(E)~~ (C) human reproduction;

~~(F)~~ (D) reproductive anatomy;

~~(G)~~ (E) physiology;

~~(H)~~ (F) pregnancy;

~~(I)~~ (G) marriage;

~~(J)~~ (H) childbirth;

~~(K)~~ (I) parenthood;

~~(L)~~ (J) contraception;

~~(M)~~ (K) HIV/AIDS; or

~~(N)~~ (L) sexually transmitted diseases.

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(ii) "Human sexuality instruction" does not include child sexual abuse prevention instruction described in Section 53A-13-112.

(b) "Parent" means a parent or legal guardian.

(c) "School" means a public school.

~~[(1)]~~ (2) If a parent ~~[with legal custody or other legal guardian]~~ of a student, or a secondary student, determines that the student's participation in a portion of the curriculum or in an activity would require the student to affirm or deny a religious belief or right of conscience, or engage or refrain from engaging in a practice forbidden or required in the exercise of a religious right or right of conscience, the parent~~[-guardian,]~~ or the secondary student may request:

(a) a waiver of the requirement to participate; or

(b) a reasonable alternative that requires reasonably equivalent performance by the student of the secular objectives of the curriculum or activity in question.

~~[(2)]~~ (3) The school shall promptly notify a student's parent ~~[or guardian]~~ if the secondary student makes a request under Subsection ~~[(1)]~~ (2).

~~[(3)]~~ (4) If a request is made under Subsection ~~[(1)]~~ (2), the school shall:

(a) waive the participation requirement;

(b) provide a reasonable alternative to the requirement; or

(c) notify the requesting party that participation is required.

~~[(4)]~~ (5) The school shall ensure that the provisions of Subsection 53A-13-101.3(3) are met in connection with any required participation under Subsection ~~[(3)]~~ (4)(c).

(6) A school shall obtain prior written consent from a student's parent before the school may provide human sexuality instruction to the student.

(7) If a student's parent chooses not to have the student participate in human sexuality instruction, a school shall:

(a) waive the requirement for the student to participate in the human sexuality instruction; or

(b) provide the student with a reasonable alternative to the human sexuality instruction requirement.

(8) In cooperation with the student's teacher or school, a parent shall take responsibility for the parent's student's human sexuality instruction if a school:

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(a) waives the student's human sexuality instruction requirement in Subsection (7)(a);

or

(b) provides the student with a reasonable alternative to the human sexuality instruction requirement described in Subsection (7)(b).

~~[(5)]~~ (9) A student's academic or citizenship performance may not be penalized ~~[by school officials for the]~~ if:

(a) the secondary student or the student's parent chooses to exercise [of] a religious right or right of conscience in accordance with the provisions of this section[-]; or

(b) the student's parent chooses not to have the student participate in human sexuality instruction as described in Subsection (7).

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