

H.B. 274 Health Education Amendments

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PURPOSE OF H.B. 274

This bill requires the State Board of Education to establish requirements for curriculum content developed by LEAs that instruct students in refusal skills, sexual assault resource strategies, and sexual violence behavior prevention.

These curriculum content requirements are designed to help students respect others' boundaries and set their own boundaries. This bill focuses on the importance of teaching students that they have the right to object to sexual advances, and can also learn when they are in danger of experiencing sexual violence.

Additionally, for students that may have or will experience sexual violence, it is crucial they understand the resources available to them to help with the physical and psychological effects of sexual assault. These resources would be shared as part of the required curriculum content.

The bill also requires the Utah State Board of Education to create standards for curriculum development that include instruction in coercion, emotional manipulation, and grooming strategies.

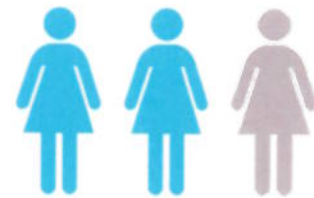
EXTENT OF EDUCATION

This curriculum would be implemented by local and charter school boards. In addition to the implementation of this curriculum, school districts would be tasked with reviewing the data regarding sexual assault in each county where the local and charter school districts are located.

This education will continue to be opt-in education, as per the Utah standard for sexual education in schools.

FACTS

1 in 3 women in Utah will experience sexual violence in their lifetime.



1 in 6 women in Utah will experience rape or attempted rape in their lifetime.

1 in 25 men in Utah will experience rape or attempted rape in their lifetime.

Utah spent more than \$92 million on people known to have perpetrated sexual violence.

In the past 12 months

- 14.3% of students in Utah high schools reported experiencing sexual violence.
- 7.3% of students in Utah high schools reported experiencing forced sexual intercourse.

4 out of 10 rape victims report that they were raped before their 18th birthday.



Data gathered by the Utah Dept. of Health
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SUPPORTING ORGANIZATIONS

League of Women Voters, Utah PTA, Prevent Child Abuse Utah, UEA, Utah State Superintendents Association, and Utah State School Boards Association