HB 1565 -- INSTRUCTION ON HUMAN SEXUALITY AND SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES

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This bill modifies the way public school districts and charter schools present instruction and course materials on human sexuality and sexually transmitted diseases. The bill includes gender identity or sexual orientation to the current notice, refusal, and removal provisions in Section 170.015, RSMo and provides standing for civil action for remedies permitted by law for failure to enforce compliance provisions as outlined in the bill.

The bill also clarifies the definitions for "course materials" and "instruction" to include any educational plan or program, curriculum, textbook, or other instructional materials used by the school district or charter school; any information contained in any school-sponsored speech or in any presentation by a school-sponsored speaker; any display permitted by the school district or charter school anywhere on school district or charter school property intended to impart information to students.