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I am in Support of this Bill on its face. These Subjects Issues NEED to be Studied Look Into and Debated.



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Mr. Chairperson and Members of the House Committee on Elementary and Secondary Education: I oppose HB 883. Missouri has a comprehensive health education program, established procedures for curriculum review and adoption at the state level complemented by staff and community involvement at the district level; all in State School Board and Local School Board policy, respectively. This bill is not necessary. Missouri has a comprehensive Health education program that fulfills the stipulations included in your proposed legislation and more. It includes standards derived from state and federal mandates (ex. safety prevention, CPR) and national professional curriculum content associations; "Grade Level Expectations" Model curriculum; and resources. Regarding the content area, are there components of the State curriculum you think should be added? Or deleted? Are there concerns that have now popped up? Were they not concerns before? Are there definitions or vocabulary that need revision? Are there opt-out procedures – procedures which are already a parent’s right – that deem change? Most importantly, I ask, why is the State legislature defining curriculum? Missouri has a proven track record of a defined process for curriculum evaluation, review, adoption, writing, the taught and tested curriculum, professional development, and implementation – all based on Missouri standards and expectations, not federal. DESE, regional associations support professional development. Local school district curriculum and adoption processes include public review. If not, at least every district Board of Education allows parent input publicly, which is also already a parent right, on curriculum presentations and other topics. Regarding the process, I am curious what prompts the specificity of a special process for health education? Will this law guarantee that participants on the committee are chosen based on: Their instructional and professional experience and expertise; Their knowledge and expertise of juried academic research; Their knowledge of science and medicine and safety; Their understanding of quantitative data and statistics of health and related factors contributing to good health; Their respect and understanding of our diverse population and evidence-based research on the proliferation of particular diseases and morbidity rates among particular groups; Their respect and understanding of including all children and abilities: And, for agency participation, assurance of their scientific expertise, professional experience; transparency, and objectivity. There is no compelling reason to change the proven practice of development curriculum in Missouri nor is there an indicator necessitating a change in this particular curriculum area. Thank you.



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The 3 r's need to be focused on. Social and health subjects need to be taught by parents and Pediatricians and churches.



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I strongly oppose HB 883.I call on you to vote "NO" on passing HB 883 out of committee.This is a dangerous piece of legislation that should not be passed.