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HOUSE BILL ***161***

AN ACT relative to school district policies on health and sex education.

SPONSORS: Rep. Boehm, Hills 20; Rep. Pitre, Straf 2

COMMITTEE: Education

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill requires a school district to adopt a policy allowing an exception to a particular unit of health or sex education instruction based on a parent's or legal guardian's determination that the material is objectionable.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
 Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struck through.~~]
 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Thirteen

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Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 1 State Board of Education; Duties. Amend RSA 186:11, IX-c to read as follows:

2 IX-c. Require school districts to adopt a policy allowing an exception to specific course
3 material, ***including a particular unit of health or sex education instruction***, based on a
4 parent's or legal guardian's determination that the material is objectionable. Such policy shall
5 include a provision requiring the parent or legal guardian to notify the school principal or designee
6 in writing of the specific material to which they object and a provision requiring an alternative
7 agreed upon by the school district and the parent, at the parent's expense, sufficient to enable the
8 child to meet state requirements for education in the particular subject area. The name of the
9 parent or legal guardian and any specific reasons disclosed to school officials for the objection to the
10 material shall not be public information and shall be excluded from access under RSA 91-A.

11 2 Repeal. RSA 186:11, IX-b, requiring a school district to adopt a policy allowing an exception to
12 health or sex education instruction based on religious objections, is repealed.

13 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.