

NEVADA GIRLS STATE
ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2

Memorializes the 2017 session of the Nevada Legislature to enact legislation that will mandate all high school students to complete one semester course of fully comprehensive sexual education in addition to current health education requirements, in order to provide students with complete information on important topics such as consensual sexual activity, all FDA-approved contraceptive methods, diverse sexualities and gender identities, sexual and reproductive anatomy, and sexual harassment.

WHEREAS, According to a Centers for Disease Control study, eighty-three percent of teenage girls do not receive formal sexual education prior to their first sexual experience; and

WHEREAS, Current sexual education requirements allow for unequal and inadequate information on sexual and reproductive anatomy to be taught to students based upon their sex; and

WHEREAS, States that mandate comprehensive sexual education, such as New Hampshire, have lowered their birth rates to as low as 12.6 per 1000 female teenagers (according to a 2013 New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services study) as opposed to our 2013 birth rate of 30.3 per 1000 female teenagers; and

WHEREAS, Our current sexual education that prioritizes abstinence provides students with severely limited information; and

WHEREAS, According to a US Department of Justice survey, “teens 16-19 years of age are three and a half times more likely than the general population to be victims of rape, attempted rape or sexual assault,” and current inadequate curriculum in the state of Nevada on sexual harassment often leaves such victims uncertain as to how to best handle their situation; and

WHEREAS, Current mandated health education does not allow for proper instruction of all available contraception use; and

WHEREAS, Current mandated health education does not promote exploration of important topics such as gender identity and sexual orientation; therefore be it

RESOLVED BY THE GIRLS STATE OF NEVADA assembled in Carson City on July 1, 2016 that the 2017 session of the Nevada legislature is hereby memorialized to enact legislation to mandate a semester of fully comprehensive sexual education (covering the topics of consensual sexual activity, all FDA-approved contraceptive methods, diverse sexualities and gender identities, sexual and reproductive anatomy, and sexual harassment), in addition to current health curriculum within all Nevada high schools.