

NEVADA GIRLS STATE
ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 8

AN ACT that will allow students from eighth grade to twelfth grade to be taught about safe sex options that includes information regarding birth control options such as condoms, IUDS, and any other relevant safe options that are available.

SECTION 1: In order to prevent teen pregnancy, implementing a more specific curriculum is necessary. According to the Department of Health and Human Services of the state of Nevada, teens with female anatomy are most likely to practice unsafe sex and unhealthy behaviors during pregnancy such as drug and alcohol abuse.

SECTION 2: Incorporating this specific curriculum will ultimately help prevent sexually transmitted diseases. Young people, ages 15-24, make up almost half of the new STD cases each year. This is all proven by the Southern Nevada Health District. Realizing the consequences of untreated STDs which can ultimately result in infertility, complications with new/upcoming pregnancies, many types of cancers, and a 3-to-5- fold increased risk of HIV transmission is what will allow this new curriculum to be implemented in the manner it deserves.

SECTION 3: There needs to be proper education to eliminate stigma around sex and abstinence. In modern day society, sex can be viewed as taboo and shunned upon in specific social groups, religious backgrounds, etc. It is essential that everyone should have a good understanding of sex and what exactly it entails.

SECTION 4: Parents/guardians an option to opt your child out of these learnings to maintain inclusivity in the state. Parents/guardians will be given a full syllabus of what the course entails and how their child will be learning, and after reviewing this they may opt out if they choose.

SECTION 5: In said course, teaching about consent and sexual assault will be a priority. Relevant questions would include those pertaining to what consent is, how can one give consent, and what exactly is sexual assault. Too many times students have been victims of sexual assault and were not aware of what was happening during the time. Implementing the specified curriculum will allow students to become knowledgeable earlier on in their life to prevent cases like this from occurring.

SECTION 6: Knowing how to recognize sexual assault and how to properly report it has increasingly dropped from the sexual education curriculum. Providing resources for sexual assault victims and more adequate reporting systems that could remain anonymous if preferred.

SECTION 7: This ACT will be effective upon passage.