



HB 1493: relative to health education and requiring pupils to view certain videos demonstrating gestational development of the heart, brain, and other vital organs.

Committee: House Education Policy and Administration

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Position: OPPOSE

Planned Parenthood believes that sex education should include a wide variety of age-appropriate, social, mental, and sexual health topics. Medically-accurate sexual education should include consent, contraception, STI prevention, and bodily autonomy - not isolated fetal imagery. HB 1493 appears to be a vehicle for anti-abortion ideology, which has no place in New Hampshire's schools.

New Hampshire already allows local control over health curricula, but this bill undermines that authority.

We urge a vote of Inexpedient to Legislate on HB 1493.

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