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Legislation Looks To Strengthen Parental Rights For Sex Education

BOISE, Idaho – House Bill 120 will change how Idaho’s students take part in sex education, and give parents the complete picture of what their kids are learning.

“A lot of sex education and instruction involving sexuality is coming through the schools, and parents have absolutely no idea that it’s happening, because it’s bypassing a lot of the protocol that we already have in place,” said the bill’s sponsor, Rep. Barbara Ehardt.

Currently, parents must opt out of sex education or instruction for their children. However, sometimes those notices are lost by kids or forgotten by teachers. Under the new proposal, a parent or legal guardian would instead opt in to sex education, or any presentation regarding sexuality.

House Bill 120 would also help parents realize the graphic nature of some of the materials in sex education, in other courses, and in libraries.

“Some of the material being taught to our kids, even in their literary class is so graphic, it’s pornographic.” But, Ehardt says this bill would keep schools accountable, “This will give parents another tool to help know what’s being taught to their kids.”

Other education options will be provided to students who do not participate in sex education, or presentations regarding sexuality.

The Idaho House of Representatives passed House Bill 120 today (March 6, 2019) by a vote of 56-14. It now heads to the Senate.

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