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Overview

Proposes to add a component to district programs on sexually transmitted diseases that promotes marriage and discourages sexual activity outside of marriage.

Section

1 **Marriage and sexually transmitted diseases program.** Directs the commissioner of children, families and learning to assist school districts in developing and implementing a program to promote marriage and prevent and reduce the risk of sexually transmitted infections and diseases. Requires district programs, among other things, to at least educate students:

- (1) on the value of marriage, its historical purpose and its significance;
- (2) that abstinence from sexual activity outside marriage and fidelity within marriage is the expected standard; and
- (3) that sexual activity outside of marriage is likely to have harmful emotional, physical and social effects.

For school districts that fails to develop and implement a program to promote marriage and prevent and reduce the risk of sexually transmitted infections and diseases, requires the department of children, families and learning to assist a regional service cooperative serving that district to develop or implement the program.