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Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

This proposed bill is bad, incomplete and unnecessary.

1. Unnecessary. If local and regional boards of education have a demonstrated record of providing education programs concerning health issues for teenagers, then why would they need a grant to the Department of Education for “medically accurate health education that follows curriculum guides developed pursuant to section 10-16c of the general statutes”? They’re already providing education programs concerning health issues for teenagers and don’t need the grant.
2. Bad. What are the contents of the “medically accurate health education that follows curriculum guides developed pursuant to section 10-16c of the general statutes”? Certainly the contents of the proposed curriculum should be known before a grant is established.
3. Incomplete. What would a 13 year old teenager do with the proposed information? Along with the medically accurate information should be guidelines on when to use the information provided. If you teach a teen to use a gun to hunt, you also teach a teen how to handle the gun safely, so no one gets hurt.

I urge the Education Committee to drop this bill.

Thank you.

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