OLR Bill Analysis
sHB 7111

AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO THE COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL HEALTH EDUCATION CURRICULUM AND THE AVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION ON THE DANGERS OF VAPING FOR USE BY SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

SUMMARY

This bill requires the State Department of Education (SDE) to include the role of consent in sexual relationships in the school health education component of the department’s Healthy and Balanced Living Curriculum Framework, which is the state’s recommended health curriculum, by January 1, 2020. Currently, consent is not addressed in the framework. SDE makes the curriculum available for use by local school districts (see BACKGROUND).

The bill also requires the State Board of Education (SBE) to assist and encourage local and regional boards of education to provide instruction related to the dangers and health consequences of using electronic nicotine delivery systems and vapor products (i.e., vaping products). The bill adds this to the existing list of topics that SBE must assist districts with and requires that it be done within available appropriations and using available resource material.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage for the health education curriculum and July 1, 2019, for the assistance to boards of education regarding vaping.

BACKGROUND

Healthy and Balanced Living Curriculum Framework

The framework, issued by SDE in 2006, is a comprehensive curriculum guide for health education and physical education. The health education component includes a number of curriculum standards including: core concepts, accessing health information, self-management of health behaviors, communication skills, and decision-
making skills.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Education Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute
Yea 37  Nay 0  (03/06/2019)