



**AAUW Florida Priority: Material Harmful to Minors - Oppose**  
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## SB 410/HB 545 – MATERIALS HARMFUL TO MINORS

### Overview of SB 410/HB 545

On the surface, SB 410/HB 545 appears to support a worthwhile cause: keeping pornography out of the hands of minors and keeping minors from being recruited for the production and distribution of pornographic material. It strives to define terms such as “child pornography,” “harmful to minors,” “obscene,” and the word “person” as it relates to providers or recipients of such material. It relates the distribution of such material to other state statutes prohibiting the same and provides for legal consequences of providing such material as defined in state law. However, it quickly deteriorates into an attack on public-school curriculum, instructional materials, and library offerings as follows:

- Seeks to curtail teaching human sexuality (particularly prevention of STDs) and human reproduction
- Allows for censorship of previously approved curriculum, instructional materials, and library offerings by district school administrators even if no question about it has been raised and without review
- Creates an undue burden on schools (1) by requiring school administrators to seek specific written parental approval for students to participate in those portions of the curriculum relating to the prevention of STDs and discussion of human reproduction even though it has already been approved and made available for parental review and (2) to arrange for the reassignment of those students during the time that portion of the curriculum is taught
- Requires the local school board to conduct an annual review of all instructional materials even though the materials were reviewed prior to their adoption.

### Curriculum Impacted (not an exhaustive list)

- Courses *specifically* required for graduation: Health, HOPE, Biology 1 (Honors, Access, AP, IB, AICE, dual enrollment)
- Courses commonly used to fulfill core graduation requirements: Anatomy/Physiology, Integrated Science Levels 2 and 3
- Courses commonly used to complete elective requirements: Adolescent Health Problems, Parenting 1 and 2, Personal/Social/Family Relationships, Health for Expectant Parents, Peer Counseling.
- Career Academy courses frequently chosen by students as a bridge to higher education and employment: Child Development; Early Childhood Education; Nursing Assistant; Practical Nursing; Biomedical Science.
- Impact not easily researched: Approved literary readings for all levels of English and curriculum available to students through the college dual enrollment programs.

### Relationship to AAUW Florida Mission

The passage of SB 410/HB 545 directly contradicts the mission of AAUW, which supports making available to those who need accurate information regarding reproductive health.

The position of AAUW Florida is to **OPPOSE** passage of SB 410/HB 545.