

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 1045

House of Representatives, March 28, 2005

### **An Act To Give Parents Control over the Sex Education of Their Children**

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Reference to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

*Millicent M. MacFarland*  
MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND  
Clerk

Presented by Representative DUPREY of Hampden.  
Cosponsored by Senator PLOWMAN of Penobscot and  
Representatives: CRESSEY of Cornish, CROSTHWAITE of Ellsworth, HAMPER of Oxford,  
STEDMAN of Hartland, Senator: COURTNEY of York.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

4 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1911**, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 654, §2, is  
repealed and the following enacted in its place:

6 **§1911. Parental option**

8 An administrator of a school shall notify a parent or  
10 guardian and obtain the written consent of that parent or  
12 guardian before that school provides comprehensive family life  
14 education to a child of that parent or guardian. The  
16 administrator shall provide information to the parent or guardian  
18 regarding the content of the comprehensive family life education  
20 class, whether abstinence will be taught and whether  
22 homosexuality will be discussed. The decision of a parent or  
24 guardian to not consent to the provision of comprehensive family  
life education to a child of that parent or guardian may not  
affect a grade given to that child. A parent or guardian who  
does not consent to the provision of comprehensive family life  
education to a child of that parent or guardian shall provide a  
statement in writing to the school administrator that that parent  
or guardian has provided that child with age-appropriate sex  
education.

26 **SUMMARY**

28 This bill provides that an administrator of a school shall  
30 notify a parent or guardian and obtain the written consent of  
that parent or guardian before that school provides comprehensive  
family life education to a child of that parent or guardian.