

R049-0708

10 **A RESOLUTION CONCERNING SAFE SEX EDUCATION IN THE**
20 **MARYLAND PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM**

30 **WHEREAS:** Some Maryland counties teach abstinence-based sex education,
40 which is outdated and unrealistic, and;

50 **WHEREAS:** Some students are inclined to experiment, and;

60 **WHEREAS:** The United States boasts the highest teen pregnancy rate in the
70 western world, despite the fact that our teens are less sexually
80 active than teens in other western countries, and;

90 **WHEREAS:** Educating teenagers about contraception makes them more likely to
100 use contraception when they begin having sex, and;

110 **WHEREAS:** One in four of America's teenage girls are infected with a sexually
120 transmitted disease (STD), and;

130 **WHEREAS:** There is no uniformity in the sex-ed programs in the state of
140 Maryland, in Montgomery County, students are taught a
150 comprehensive sex-ed program, and in Carroll County students are
160 taught abstinence-based.

170 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Maryland Student Legislature
180 urges the Maryland Public School system to abolish the current
190 abstinence-based sex education policy for a more favored and
200 realistic safe sex education.

210 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the definition of safe-sex education
220 includes varied contraceptive use and education about teen
230 pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases.

240 **MANDATES:** Dunbar Brooks, President, Maryland State Department of
250 Education,
260 Beverly A. Cooper, Vice-President, Maryland State Department of
270 Education,
280 Nancy S. Grasmick, State Superintendent of Schools
290 Margaret Spellings, United States Secretary of Education

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