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To prohibit departments, agencies, and other instrumentalities of the Federal Government from providing assistance to an entity for the development of course material or the provision of instruction on human development and sexuality, if such material or instruction will include medically inaccurate information, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GUTIERREZ (for himself, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Mr. HONDA, Mr. FARR, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Mr. WEXLER, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mrs. CAPPS, Ms. LEE, Mr. MILLER of North Carolina, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. STARK, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. MEEHAN, Mr. CROWLEY, Mr. NADLER, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. WYNN, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. JEFFERSON, and Mr. LARSEN of Washington) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Guarantee of Medical
5 Accuracy in Sex Education Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress finds as follows:

8 (1) All federally funded programs aimed at
9 helping young people make healthy decisions regard-
10 ing their relationships and sexual health should in-
11 clude medically accurate information.

12 (2) A 2004 report from the Minority Office of
13 the Committee on Government Reform of the House
14 of Representatives found serious medical inaccura-
15 cies associated with a large majority of federally
16 funded abstinence-only-until-marriage programs.

17 (3) The Society for Adolescent Medicine (SAM)
18 found in a 2006 position paper that abstinence-only-
19 until-marriage programs “provide incomplete and/or
20 misleading information” and states that “efforts to
21 promote abstinence should be based on sound
22 science”.

23 (4) The American College of Obstetricians and
24 Gynecologists have also expressed “the importance
25 of ensuring that all federally funded sexuality edu-

1 cation programs include information that is medi-
2 cally accurate and complete”.

3 (5) The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)
4 believes that “children and adolescents need accu-
5 rate and comprehensive education about sexuality to
6 practice healthy sexual behavior as adults”.

7 (6) The American Public Health Association
8 (APHA) “recognize[s] that sexuality is a normal,
9 healthy aspect of human development ... and that
10 individuals of all ages require complete and accurate
11 information about all aspects of sexuality”. APHA
12 “endorses the right of children and youth to receive
13 comprehensive sexuality education that includes
14 facts, information, and data and that demonstrates
15 an appreciation of racial, ethnic, and cultural diver-
16 sity”.

17 (7) The American Medical Association “urges
18 schools to implement comprehensive, developmentally
19 appropriate sexuality education programs that are
20 based on rigorous, peer reviewed science”.

21 (8) Over 1 billion dollars in citizen taxpayer
22 money has been spent on abstinence-only-until-mar-
23 riage programs in the past quarter century without
24 significant monitoring of the content of these pro-

1 grams in order to guarantee they contain medically
2 accurate information and exclude inaccurate data.

3 **SEC. 3. MEDICALLY INACCURATE SEX EDUCATION.**

4 (a) REQUIREMENTS.—A department, agency, or
5 other instrumentality of the Federal Government shall not
6 provide funds or other assistance to an entity for the de-
7 velopment of course material or the provision of instruc-
8 tion on human development and sexuality, including any
9 sex education, family life education, abstinence education,
10 comprehensive health education, or character education, if
11 such material or instruction will include medically inac-
12 curate information. Before providing such funds or other
13 assistance, the department, agency, or instrumentality
14 shall require a sufficient assurance that such material or
15 instruction will not include medically inaccurate informa-
16 tion.

17 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act, the term “medically
18 inaccurate information” means information related to
19 medical, psychiatric, psychological, empirical, or statistical
20 statements that is unsupported or contradicted by peer-
21 reviewed research by leading medical, psychological, psy-
22 chiatric, and public health organizations and agencies.

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