LEGISLATIVE BILL 768

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Committee: Education

1  A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to schools; to amend sections 79-712 and
2  79-713, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 79-760.01,
3  Revised Statutes Supplement, 2021; to change provisions relating to
4  comprehensive health education; to prohibit academic content
5  standards in new areas; and to repeal the original sections.
6  Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,
Section 1. Section 79-712, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

79-712 Provisions shall be made by the proper local school authorities for instructing the pupils in all public schools in a comprehensive health education program which shall consist of include instruction (1) as to the physiological, psychological, and sociological aspects of drug use, misuse, and abuse and (2) on intellectual disability and other developmental disabilities, such as cerebral palsy, autism, and epilepsy, their causes, and the prevention thereof through proper nutrition and the avoidance of the consumption of drugs as defined in this section. For purposes of this section, drugs means any and all biologically active substances used in the treatment of illnesses or for recreation or pleasure. Special emphasis shall be placed upon the commonly abused drugs of tobacco, alcohol, marijuana, hallucinogenics, amphetamines, barbiturates, and narcotics.

Sec. 2. Section 79-713, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

79-713 The Commissioner of Education shall prepare such teaching aids and materials as may be necessary for an effective instruction course in comprehensive health as provided in section 79-712 education, which shall include drug education, for distribution to all public and private schools requesting such materials and approved for continued legal operation under rules and regulations adopted and promulgated by the State Board of Education pursuant to subdivision (5)(c) of section 79-318.

Sec. 3. Section 79-760.01, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2021, is amended to read:

79-760.01 (1) The State Board of Education shall adopt measurable academic content standards for at least the grade levels required for statewide assessment pursuant to section 79-760.03. The standards shall cover the subject areas of reading, writing, mathematics, science, and
social studies.

(2) The board shall also adopt measurable academic content standards for financial literacy as part of the social studies standards.

(3) Academic content standards adopted or recommended pursuant to this section shall be sufficiently clear and measurable to be used for testing student performance with respect to mastery of the content described in the state standards.

(4) The State Board of Education shall develop a plan to review and update standards for each subject area every seven years. The state board plan shall include a review of commonly accepted standards adopted by school districts.

(5) The State Board of Education shall not develop, approve, distribute, adopt, or promulgate any academic content standards in a new content area that is not explicitly authorized in subsection (1) or (2) of this section.

Sec. 4. Original sections 79-712 and 79-713, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 79-760.01, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2021, are repealed.