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BULLETIN NO. 051-20 LEARNING AND TEACHING

TO: Educational Service District Superintendents
School District Superintendents
School Board Directors
School District Curriculum Directors
School Principals

FROM: Chris Reykdal, Superintendent of Public Instruction

RE: New Requirements for Comprehensive Sexual Health Education Suspended

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PURPOSE

This bulletin provides notice to school districts that implementation of [Senate Bill 5395 \(2020\)](#) Session Law, concerning comprehensive sexual health education, is suspended pending the results of Referendum 90 in the 2020 General Election.

BACKGROUND

Senate Bill 5395 (SB 5395), passed by the Legislature in 2020, would require Washington's public schools to provide comprehensive sexual health education instruction that is medically and scientifically accurate, evidence-informed, age-appropriate, aligned with health and learning standards, and inclusive of all students regardless of their protected class status. [Bulletin No. 030-20](#) provided guidance regarding implementation of SB 5395.

A referendum will be on the November ballot asking voters to approve or reject Senate Bill 5395. Under Article II, Section 1(d) of the Washington Constitution, implementation of SB 5395 is suspended pending results of the election on November 3, 2020.

If the referendum is approved by voters, SB 5395 will go into effect 30 days after the November 3 election.

SCHOOL DISTRICT REQUIREMENTS

Pertaining to sexual health education, school districts should continue to operate under current law (RCW [28A.300.475](#)). At this time, districts are not required to implement the new requirements outlined in SB 5395 for the 2020–21 school year.

INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE

For questions regarding this bulletin, please contact Laurie Dils, Sexual Health Education Program Supervisor, at 360-725-6364 or email laurie.dils@k12.wa.us The OSPI TTY number is 360-664-3631.

Additional information can be found on [OSPI's webpage](#) about Senate Bill 5395. This bulletin is also available on the [Bulletins and Memos](#) page of the OSPI website.

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