

Healthy Youth Act



An Act Relative to Healthy Youth || SD. 2178, HD. 3454

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Youth deserve comprehensive health education...

The **Healthy Youth Act**, will give Massachusetts students the foundation they need and deserve to lead healthy lives. The legislation will:

- Require schools that offer sex ed to use **medically accurate, age-appropriate** information.
- Focus on building **healthy relationships** and discuss **consent and boundaries**.
- Ensure that material is **inclusive of LGBTQIA+ identities and experiences**.

because medically-accurate education creates safer futures for us all.

Massachusetts voters agree:

92% believe students should receive sex education in high school.

89% believe sex ed should cover how students can stay healthy if they become sexually active.

According to the CDC:

- Between 2010 and 2017, in the state of MA, **cases of chlamydia increased by 38%**.
- Statewide **gonorrhea cases increased 58% from 2016 to 2017**.
- Infectious **syphilis cases increased by 56% between 2013 and 2017**.



Comprehensive sex education curricula is proven to help young people:

- build healthy relationships,
- delay sex, and
- prevent STIs and prevent unintended pregnancies when they do become sexually active.



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The Healthy Youth Act Coalition



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