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Hintz Statement on committee passage of Healthy Youth Act repeal *Removes standard for medically accurate sex education in Wisconsin's public schools*

MADISON – State Representative Gordon Hintz (D-Oshkosh) released the following statement today following the Assembly Education Committee's passage of legislation repealing the standard for comprehensive and medically accurate human growth development curriculum in current statute on a 6-4 party-line vote:

"I am deeply disappointed with my colleagues on the Education Committee. Wisconsin is not a Petri dish for right wing social experiments. We should expect decisions to be made in the best interest of public health, not to appease interest groups such as Wisconsin Family Action who authored this bill."

"Two decades of peer-reviewed research on sex education have overwhelmingly demonstrated that abstinence-only-until-marriage does nothing to delay teen sexual activity, and can actually lead to an increase in teen pregnancy and STD transmittal. Last session's passage of the Healthy Youth Act was a significant step towards addressing a public health crisis that touches every area of our state and costs us hundreds of millions of dollars each year."

"Last month, the University of Georgia released a study that found states that include medically accurate and comprehensive sex education, like Wisconsin, averaged 17 fewer teen pregnancies per 1000 individuals ages 14-19 than states with abstinence-only education programs."

"As the rest of the country moves forward with common sense and evidence-based solutions, Governor Walker and Legislative Republicans continue to advance an absurd social agenda that will roll back all of the progress our state has made on this issue."

Hintz joined every mainstream public health organization including the Wisconsin Academy of Family Physicians, the Wisconsin Association of School Nurses, the Wisconsin Medical Society, the Wisconsin Public Health Association, the Wisconsin Council on Children and Families, the Wisconsin Association of Local Health Departments and Boards, and the Wisconsin Coalition Against Domestic Violence in strongly opposing AB 337.

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