

# State Profiles FISCAL YEAR 2016

## SEXUALITY AND HIV/STD EDUCATION LAWS<sup>1</sup>

(as of September 30, 2016)

STATE	SEXUALITY EDUCATION MANDATED <sup>2</sup>	HIV/STD EDUCATION MANDATED	IF TAUGHT, THEN		ABORTION PROHIBITED <sup>3</sup>	MARRIAGE PROMOTED <sup>4</sup>	LGBTQ Discriminatory <sup>5</sup> or Inclusive <sup>6</sup>	OPT-IN or OPT-OUT
			ABSTINENCE	CONTRACEPTION				
			Stress or Cover	Stress or Cover				
Alabama		X*	Stress	Cover		X	Discriminatory	Opt-out
Alaska								
Arizona			Stress			X	Discriminatory	Opt-in/Opt-out
Arkansas			Stress		X	X		
California	X	X	Stress	Cover		X	Inclusive	Opt-out
Colorado			Cover	Cover				Opt-out
Connecticut		X			X			Opt-out
Delaware	X*	X*	Stress					
District of Columbia	X*	X*		Cover			Inclusive	Opt-out
Florida	X		Stress			X	Discriminatory	Opt-out
Georgia	X	X	Stress			X		Opt-out
Hawaii	X*	X*	Stress	Cover				Opt-out
Idaho								Opt-out
Illinois		X	Stress	Cover		X	Discriminatory	Opt-out
Indiana	X	X	Stress			X		
Iowa	X	X					Inclusive	Opt-out
Kansas	X*							
Kentucky	X*	X*	Cover					
Louisiana	X*	X*	Stress		X	X	Discriminatory	Opt-out
Maine	X	X	Stress	Cover				Opt-out
Maryland	X*	X*						Opt-out
Massachusetts							Inclusive	Opt-out
Michigan		X	Stress	Cover	X	X		Opt-out
Minnesota	X	X	Cover					Opt-out
Mississippi	X		Stress		X	X	Discriminatory and Inclusive <sup>6</sup>	Opt-in
Missouri		X	Stress	Cover				Opt-out
Montana	X*	X*						
Nebraska								
Nevada	X	X						Opt-in

**SEXUALITY AND HIV/STD EDUCATION LAWS (CONTINUED)**

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			ABSTINENCE	CONTRACEPTION				
			Stress or Cover	Stress or Cover				
New Hampshire	X*	X						Opt-out
New Jersey	X*	X*	Stress					Opt-out
New Mexico	X*	X	Cover	Cover				Opt-out
New York		X	Stress	Cover				Opt-out
North Carolina	X	X	Stress	Cover		X	Discriminatory	Opt-in/Opt-out
North Dakota	X		Cover			X		
Ohio		X	Stress			X		Opt-out
Oklahoma		X	Stress				Discriminatory	Opt-out
Oregon	X	X	Stress	Cover				Opt-out
Pennsylvania		X	Stress					Opt-out
Rhode Island	X*	X	Stress					Opt-out
South Carolina	X	X	Stress	Cover	X	X	Discriminatory	Opt-out
South Dakota			Cover					
Tennessee	X	X	Stress			X		Opt-out
Texas	X*	X*	Stress			X	Discriminatory	Opt-out
Utah	X	X	Stress			X	Discriminatory	Opt-in
Vermont	X	X	Cover	Cover				Opt-out
Virginia			Stress			X		Opt-out
Washington		X	Stress	Cover				Opt-out
West Virginia		X						Opt-out
Wisconsin		X	Stress			X		Opt-out
Wyoming	X*	X*						

<sup>1</sup> Policies included in the chart are state laws and state-wide rules, regulations, or standards that have the force of law. For a complete explanation of each state’s sexuality and HIV/STD education policies, please refer to the law and policy section of each State Profile.

<sup>2</sup> These mandates are likely to be called “sex education,” “human development,” “family life instruction,” or some other variation of instruction related to sexuality.

<sup>3</sup> Information or referrals about abortion services may not be given to students or may only be addressed in the context of potential negative consequences.

<sup>4</sup> Heterosexual marriage must be promoted. Note that this does not include states that have an abstinence-only-until-marriage approach or include marriage as a covered topic.

<sup>5</sup> Topic of homosexuality must not be promoted or addressed as a socially acceptable alternative to heterosexuality or is otherwise discriminatory to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and/or queer or questioning (LGBTQ) students by exclusively promoting heterosexual marriage.

<sup>6</sup> The word “inclusive” is used in its broadest sense – the education includes information on LGBTQ people or laws relating to LGBTQ people. In each states’ laws, either the topic of homosexuality must or can be addressed, or education must be free from LGBTQ negative bias or portray homosexuality as a socially acceptable alternative to heterosexuality.

\* Indicates policy requirements not necessarily specified in statute that has the force and effect of a mandate.

^ Mississippi law requires school districts to adopt either an “abstinence-only” or “abstinence-plus” education policy that teaches “the current state law related to sexual conduct, including ... homosexual activity.” For more information, please refer to the law and policy section of the Mississippi State Profile.