

# HEALTHY YOUTH ACT



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## Problem

The MA sex ed curriculum has not been updated since 1999. Students are receiving out-of-date and sometimes blatantly incorrect information that prioritizes abstinence above all else.



44% OF HIGH  
SCHOOL  
SENIORS ARE  
SEXUALLY  
ACTIVE

"In middle school they [teachers] told me gay sex gives you STIs."

-Former MA Public School Student

89% of  
Massachusetts  
voters think that  
sex ed should be  
comprehensive  
and well-rounded.

## Solution

A comprehensive, age-appropriate, and medically accurate sex-ed curriculum that includes preventing STIs and promoting healthy relationships and consent.

**“The emphasis of this bill on consent, what healthy relationships look like, and being LGBTQ-inclusive [would have an incredible impact]. If we get [students] before misinformation gets them, or before stigma and social isolation get to them, then they’re going to have a lot healthier trajectory overall, over their whole life course.”**

**-Jamie Klufts, Director of Communications & Strategic Initiatives at the National Association of Social Workers**

## **Co-Sponsor the Healthy Youth Act Today**

**“Teaching harmful curricula harms young people. The Healthy Youth Act, at minimum, will mitigate the school districts that are teaching harmful curricula, provide teachers with more support, provide young people with more accurate information, and sort of wipe the slate clean and empower parents [who are often a child’s primary sexual health educators] to be able to have an additional resource to support [their children].”**

**-Kim Kargman, Organizing Manager at Planned Parenthood Advocacy Fund of Massachusetts**