

# HOUSE BILL NO. 1762

## 97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

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### AN ACT

To amend chapter 170, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to dating violence education in secondary schools.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Chapter 170, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be  
2 known as section 170.268, to read as follows:

**170.268. 1. A school district or charter school that provides instruction in grades  
2 seven through twelve may incorporate dating abuse information that is age-appropriate  
3 into the school district's existing health curriculum for pupils in grades seven through  
4 twelve that includes the following components:**

- 5       **(1) The definition of dating abuse;**
- 6       **(2) The recognition of dating abuse warning signs; and**
- 7       **(3) The characteristics of healthy relationships.**

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9 **A school district or charter school electing to incorporate dating violence education into  
10 its curriculum shall seek input from local domestic violation organizations on curriculum  
11 to be taught.**

12       **2. On written request to the principal of the school where a child is enrolled, the  
13 parents or guardian of a pupil who is under eighteen years of age shall be permitted to  
14 review the dating abuse information instructional materials within a reasonable time after  
15 submitting the written request.**

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

16           **3. For purposes of this section, "dating abuse" means a pattern of behavior in**  
17 **which one person uses or threatens to use physical, sexual, verbal, or emotional abuse to**  
18 **control the person's dating partner. "Dating partner" means any person who is involved**  
19 **in an intimate association with another person that is primarily characterized by the**  
20 **expectation of affectionate involvement that includes casual, serious, and long-term dating**  
21 **partners.**

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