

## Dating Violence Prevention Education -- House Bill 19

Ohio Substitute House Bill 19 (HB 19) becomes effective March 29, 2010. The bill requires public schools to incorporate dating violence into their policies prohibiting harassment, intimidation or bullying. **School districts also must include dating violence prevention education in the health curriculum in grades 7 through 12.**

All requirements of the bill are to be met no later than six months after the effective date of the act. ODE will provide various forms of assistance to districts in meeting these requirements in the coming months. Links to the following selection of guidelines and resources can help districts get started. ODE's Office for Safety Health and Nutrition will update this web page periodically as more information and resources become available.

### **Guidelines and Resources for Dating Violence Prevention**

National Teen Dating Abuse Helpline

<http://www.loveisrespect.org>

Guidelines for the Primary Prevention of Sexual Violence & Intimate Partner Violence by Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance

<http://www.vsdvalliance.org/secPublications/Prevention%20Guidelines%202009%5B1%5D.pdf>

A Guide to Addressing Dating Violence in Texas Schools

<http://governor.state.tx.us/files/women/program.pdf>

A Guide to Preventing Bullying, Teen Dating Violence and Sexual Violence in Rhode Island School

[http://www.ride.ri.gov/commissioner/edpolicy/Documents/20080401\\_GuideBullyingTDV\\_v1\\_KR.pdf](http://www.ride.ri.gov/commissioner/edpolicy/Documents/20080401_GuideBullyingTDV_v1_KR.pdf)

Safe Dates, An Adolescent Dating Abuse Prevention Curriculum by Hazelden

[http://www.hazelden.org/HAZ\\_MEDIA/safedates\\_research.pdf](http://www.hazelden.org/HAZ_MEDIA/safedates_research.pdf)

Liz Claiborne: Love is Not Abuse

<http://www.loveisnotabuse.com/web/guest/home>

### **Learn more about HB 19**

See a summary and analysis of HB 19:

[http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/analysis.cfm?ID=128\\_HB\\_19&ACT=As%20Enrolled&hf=analyses128/09-hb19-128.htm](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/analysis.cfm?ID=128_HB_19&ACT=As%20Enrolled&hf=analyses128/09-hb19-128.htm)

Read the full text of HB 19:

[http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=128\\_HB\\_19](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=128_HB_19)

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## *Bill Analysis*

**Sub. H.B. 19**  
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**(As Passed by the General Assembly)**

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### ACT SUMMARY

- Requires each school district, community school, and STEM school to incorporate violence within a dating relationship into its policy prohibiting student harassment, intimidation, or bullying.
- **Requires each school district to include dating violence prevention education for grades 7 to 12 within the district's health curriculum.**
- Requires each school district, community school, STEM school, and educational service center to provide training in dating violence prevention for certain middle and high school employees.

### **Dating violence prevention curricula**

(R.C. 3313.60)

Within each school district's health education curriculum, the act requires "age-appropriate instruction in dating violence prevention education" in grades 7 to 12. This instruction must include recognizing warning signs of dating violence and the characteristics of healthy relationships. To help districts develop their curricula, the Department of Education must post links to free dating violence prevention curricula on its web site. If the parent of a student who is younger than 18 submits to the principal of the student's school a written request to examine the school's dating violence prevention instruction materials, the principal must, within a reasonable period of time, allow the parent to examine those materials at the school.

These provisions regarding instruction in dating violence prevention do not apply to community schools or STEM schools.