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New York State Right to Life Opposes S2584A Brouk/A6616 Nolan Because of Abortion Component

New York State Right to Life strongly opposes S2584A Brouk/A6616 Nolan as it is currently written. This bill “requires comprehensive sexuality instruction for students in grades K-12.” We do not take a position on sex education. However, we oppose any sex education that includes support for abortion or pro-abortion indoctrination. This bill does just that.

- This bill requires that every public and charter school have a sex education program which “conforms to the content and scope of national sexuality education standards.” The second edition of “National Sex Education Standards: Core Content and Skills, K-12” states “By the end of the 10th grade, students should be able to...identify medically accurate sources of information about and local services that provide contraceptive methods (including emergency contraception and condoms) and pregnancy options (including parenting, abortion, adoption, and prenatal care).” Thus, the standards include the goal of teaching students how to find local organizations that perform abortions by the end of the 10th grade. This is an assault on the sanctity of human life and on the conscience rights of parents who believe in the sanctity of human life.
- The bill requires that the Commissioner of Health and Commissioner of Education consult with experts in “reproductive and sexual health care” while designing a sex education curriculum. Terminology like this is well-known as a pro-abortion euphemism. For example, the “Policy and Purpose” section of the Reproductive Health Act (RHA), a law that has the specific goal of eliminating protections against abortion, states “The legislature finds that comprehensive reproductive health care is a fundamental component of every individual’s health, privacy and equality.” This clause is a thinly veiled mandate for abortion advocates to design the sex education curriculum to include abortion.

By mandating that the sex education curriculum be in accord with “national sexuality education standards,” and by mandating that the Commissioners of Health and Education consult with experts in “reproductive and sexual health care” in designing the sex education curriculum, this bill would create a sex education curriculum that includes abortion advocacy and indoctrination. We invite the sponsors of this bill to remove these problematic provisions and add a provision that expressly states that the sex education curriculum cannot advocate for abortion as an option to students. Without such changes, we oppose S2584A/A6616 and ask for a ‘No’ vote.