

# HOUSE BILL No. 1608

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 20-30-17.

**Synopsis:** Sexual orientation and gender identity instruction. Provides that a school, an employee or staff member of a school, or a third party vendor used by a school to provide instruction may not provide any instruction to a student in kindergarten through grade 3 in which the goal or purpose of the instruction is to study, explore, or inform students about sexual orientation, gender identity, or certain other concepts. Defines "school" for purposes of this provision.

**Effective:** July 1, 2023.

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## Davis, Teshka, Jeter, Heaton

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January 19, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on Education.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. IC 20-30-17 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
2 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3 JULY 1, 2023]:  
4 **Chapter 17. Prohibited Instruction**  
5 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "school" means any of the**  
6 **following:**  
7 (1) **A public school, including a charter school.**  
8 (2) **A state accredited school.**  
9 (3) **A nonaccredited nonpublic school that has at least one (1)**  
10 **employee.**  
11 (4) **A laboratory school established under IC 20-24.5-2.**  
12 (5) **The Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired**  
13 **established by IC 20-21-2-1.**  
14 (6) **The Indiana School for the Deaf established by**  
15 **IC 20-22-2-1.**  
16 **Sec. 2. A school, an employee or staff member of a school, or a**  
17 **third party vendor used by a school to provide instruction may not**



- 1 provide any instruction to a student in kindergarten through grade
- 2 3, including a presentation, in which the goal or purpose of the
- 3 instruction is to study, explore, or inform students about:
- 4 (1) gender fluidity;
- 5 (2) gender roles;
- 6 (3) gender stereotypes;
- 7 (4) gender identity;
- 8 (5) gender expression; or
- 9 (6) sexual orientation.

