

Give Students the Facts, and Parents a Choice

The Healthy Youth Act: House Bill 88, Senate Bill 221

This bill would require schools to offer both the current "abstinence only" curriculum and an abstinence-based comprehensive sex education program, giving parents the ability to decide which program their child would participate in. Equality NC believes all students should get the complete, accurate information offered by a comprehensive curriculum, but supports this bill as an important step in the right direction.

- Students need access to the potentially lifesaving information that comprehensive sexuality education includes
- In a 2003 parent opinion survey conducted by the NC Departments of Instruction and Health and Human Services, 90% of parents of middle or high school students said they support sex education in school.

Take Unconstitutional, Discriminatory Laws off the Books

Conform State Law to Lawrence v. Texas: House Bill 100

This bill would reform North Carolina's unconstitutional "Crime Against Nature" law to bring it into compliance with the U.S. Supreme Court decision striking down all sodomy laws nationwide. It would make clear that the law cannot be applied to consenting adults in a private place.

- Our current law is unconstitutional. Despite this fact, individuals can still be arrested, taken from their homes in handcuffs, and put in jail before they have a hearing.

Protect North Carolinians from Hate Crimes

The Safer Communities Act: House Bill 207

This bill would add age, gender, disability, sexual orientation and gender identity to the protected classes in the existing hate crime statute.

- All North Carolinians deserve to be protected from bias crimes

Make State Employment Discrimination-Free

Non-Discrimination in State Employment

This bill would protect state workers from discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity or expression.

- North Carolinians' tax dollars should not be going toward potential discrimination