HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 195

Reps. Johnsen, Borton, Martin, Aragona, DeBoyer, Wozniak, Meerman, Pavlov, Rigas, Fox, Cavitt, Paquette, Hoadley, Bollin, Beson, DeBoer, Woolford, Carra, Kelly, Green, Smit, Alexander, Bierlein, Bruck, Greene, Schriver, Frisbie, VanderWall, Fairbairn, Neyer, Outman, Slagh, Wendzel and Steele offered the following resolution:

- 1 A resolution to oppose the proposed Michigan Health Education
- 2 Standards Framework and urge the Michigan Department of Education
- 3 to redraft or the Michigan State Board of Education to reject these
- 4 standards.
- 5 Whereas, Article VIII, Section 1 of the Michigan Constitution
- 6 affirms that "[r]eligion, morality and knowledge being necessary to
- 7 good government and the happiness of mankind, schools and the means
- 8 of education shall forever be encouraged." Section 10 of the
- 9 Revised School Code (MCL 380.10) makes clear that "[i]t is the

- 1 natural, fundamental right of parents and legal quardians to
- 2 determine and direct the care, teaching, and education of their
- 3 children. The public schools of this state serve the needs of the
- 4 pupils by cooperating with the pupil's parents and legal quardians
- 5 to develop the pupil's intellectual capabilities and vocational
- 6 skills in a safe and positive environment"; and
- 7 Whereas, Section 1507 of the Revised School Code (MCL
- 8 380.1507) establishes clear standards for sex education, requiring
- 9 local control, parental involvement, and opt-out provisions to
- 10 protect the rights of families and ensure transparency in
- 11 instruction. The Michigan Department of Education and the Michigan
- 12 State Board of Education should not include topics related to
- 13 gender identity, gender expression, and sexual orientation within
- 14 health standards outside of elective sex education. It is
- 15 imperative that these legal protections remain intact to ensure
- 16 that religious and parental rights of Michigan families are secure;
- **17** and
- 18 Whereas, The proposed Michigan Health Education Standards
- 19 Framework includes content that goes well beyond the appropriate
- 20 scope of classroom instruction. The Michigan Department of
- 21 Education and the Michigan State Board of Education should ensure
- 22 that such material is not included within statewide academic
- 23 standards; now, therefore, be it
- 24 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we oppose the
- 25 proposed Michigan Health Education Standards Framework and urge the
- 26 Michigan Department of Education to redraft or the Michigan State
- 27 Board of Education to reject these standards; and be it further
- 28 Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the
- 29 Michigan Department of Education, the Michigan State Board of

1 Education, and the Governor of the state of Michigan.