A Bill to Establish Federal Grants for Consent Education to Promote Student Safety in Public Schools

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States Department of Education shall establish a federal grant program to provide funding to states that voluntarily develop or expand age-appropriate consent education programs in public middle and high schools.

SECTION 2. For the purposes of this legislation, consent education shall include instruction on affirmative consent, personal boundaries, recognizing coercion, communicating and respecting personal decisions, and developing healthy relationships. Participating states shall retain authority over curriculum design and implementation, provided their programs address these core topics in an age-appropriate manner.

SECTION 3. The United States Department of Education shall administer the grant program, establish eligibility requirements, and monitor participating states through annual reports and program evaluations. States that misuse grant funds or fail to meet program requirements shall be subject to suspension or repayment of grant funds. No existing federal education funding shall be withheld solely because a state chooses not to participate in this program.

SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect on July 1, 2027. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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