

**Ending the Epidemic Task Force
Committee Recommendation
CR38**

Recommendation Title: Comprehensive Sexual Health Education for K-12

1. **For which goal outlined in the Governor's plan to end the epidemic in New York State does this recommendation apply?** *1, 2 and 3*

2. **Description of Proposed Recommendation:** New York State (NYS) has proposed several bills in the last few legislative sessions that impact sexual health education. In 2013, Senate Bill 1291 and the concurrent Assembly Bill 6705, require that public schools provide comprehensive, age-appropriate, and medically accurate sex education. Senate Bill SB 1291 died in committee, however Assembly Bill (AB) 6705 remains in the Committee on Education.

Additional bills, SB 58957 and the concurrent AB 2694, establish a grant program through the Department of Health for age-appropriate sexual health education. Both versions remain in their respective Committees on Health.

Finally, SB 5897 would establish a program within the Department of Health to provide grants to public school districts, boards of cooperative educational services, school-based health centers and community organizations to support age-appropriate sex education programs. To be eligible for funding, programs must be age appropriate and medically accurate, among other requirements. The bill has been sent to the Senate Committee on Rules. The New York Legislature meets throughout the year, so all of the above bills are eligible for further consideration.

The committee recommends that the above bills be a priority in the upcoming legislative session for the Governor and the New York State Senate and Assembly. Passage and implementation of these bills will help to fulfill all three of the Governor's goals in ending the epidemic in New York State.

3. **Would implementation of this recommendation be permitted under current laws or would a statutory change be required?** Statutory change required.

 4. **Is this recommendation something that could feasibly be implemented in the short-term (within the next year) or long-term (within the next three to six years)?** Within the next year.

 5. **Please list the TF numbers of the original recommendations that contributed to this current version:** TF2, TF3, TF34.
-

