

What Catholics Should Know about Referendum-90 (R-90)

Repeal the New Comprehensive Sexual Health Education (CSHE), formerly SB 5395

- **R-90 puts a measure on the fall ballot** that will give voters the opportunity to reject the new CSHE law.
- **Current curriculum is not in line with Catholic teaching.** It does not adequately address complex moral issues tied to human sexuality nor properly discuss sex in the context of marriage.
- **Current law does not ensure meaningful curricula review** by parents and guardians nor provide for public comment prior to implementation.
- **Local communities cannot protect their own values.** Locally elected school boards cannot fully determine their own policy in this sensitive area.
- **R-90 needs 129,811 signatures before June 10, 2020.**
- The law requires “affirmative consent curriculum” defined as “a conscious and voluntary agreement to engage in sexual activity as a requirement before sexual activity.” This requirement is not in accordance with church teaching that sexual activity be reserved for marriage.
- Over 130,000 public school students in the state do not speak English at home. There is no plan to communicate the new curriculum or opt out information to these families.
- Districts can create their own curriculum based on 2005 Health Standards. However, the CSHE mandate is unfunded. Consequently, districts may be more inclined to use existing state curriculum that is not aligned with the teachings of the Catholic Church.
- Parents can opt their children out of the classroom instruction, but they cannot opt them out of school yard discussions and the culture change that may take place at school.
- “The right of parents to ... educate their children in the bosom of the family must be safeguarded.” *Gaudium et Spes*, The Pastoral Constitution of the Church in the Modern World, no. 52, from the Second Vatican Council.