

It has come to my attention that a question was submitted to the Senate webpage regarding the Social Health Bill, HBO 160/ SB 1580. Here is a summary of the main points of the Bill and Social Health Education:

- Social Health, formerly known as Teen Living, was a course taught in Middle Schools. The program was unfortunately cut from most middle schools around 2008 due to lack of funding. The bill, simply put, would require social health education for all TN middle schools.
- This Bill, HBO 160/ SB 1580, was written for **middle school students based on the Tennessee state standards for social health, grades 5-8**. You may find the standards at https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/education/cte/cte/cte_std_intro_social_health.pdf
- The core concepts of Social Health Education include: healthy lifestyles, lifespan development, healthy relationships and communications, career exploration, resource management, and appropriate technology use.
- Social Health content is considered a positive factor that builds resiliency in children and works to offset negative factors such as stress, violence, neglect, and addiction. It is considered both restorative and preventative in the lives of children.
- Dr. Elizabeth Ramsey, under the sponsorship of Senator Bailey, helped create the Bill.
- Dr. Ramsey is not associated with Turning Point USA, the TTU student group Turning Point, nor is she their advisor.

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