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HOUSE BILL 43- AFFIRMATIVE CONSENT POLICY IN SCHOOLS
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What is affirmative consent?

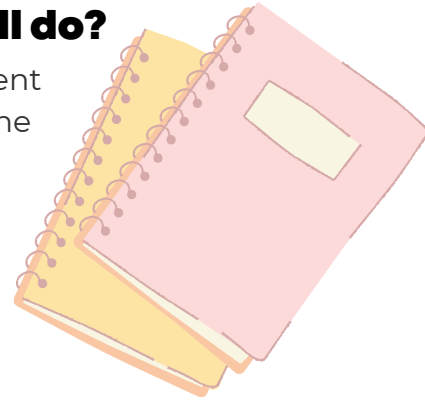
Affirmative Consent is conscious, voluntary agreement to engage in sexual activity from all parties involved.

This bill:

- Requires trauma-informed policies & responses by colleges
- Creates partnerships between Universities & local rape crisis centers
- Promotes healthy relationships
- Empowers students to communicate, problem solve, and act if someone does not ask their permission before sexual contact.
- Increases student safety by clarifying that consent is dynamic

What does this bill do?

HB 43 Affirmative Consent Policy in Schools adds the definition of affirmative consent to curriculum standards for existing health courses in grades 8-college.



Did you know?

- This bill had **strong bi-partisan support** in previous years. It passed the House with only 7 "no" votes and two Senate committees with bi-partisan support.
- 64% of New Mexicans support adding age appropriate affirmative consent instruction to health education!

It Works

Sexual assault victimization was reduced by half when young people had comprehensive sex education before college that included training on affirmative consent.

What this bill is NOT:

This is not a punishment bill. It's a prevention bill. Educating youth about affirmative consent is a preventative tool, helping to keep students safe!

Why do we need this bill now?

NM is one of the top 10 states in the nation for sexual assaults, yet **16 out of 33 NM counties** don't receive affirmative consent education. Students are asking for this education. We can't afford to lose another generation to the crisis of sexual assault. Together, we can prevent sexual violence before it starts!

This bill is endorsed by:

The NM Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs, Equality New Mexico, EveryVoice, Girls Inc. of Santa Fe, Southwest Women's Law Center, Indigenous Women Rising, Forward Together Action

