



"I am a retired police officer. I spent the majority of my career at the Centralia Police Department and retired in 2011. I was a detective for about 14 years with the majority of those years spent investigating child sex crimes."

Along with those investigations came hundreds of hours of training and dozens of interviews with victimized children of all ages. The following does not represent IN ANY WAY the opinions or policies of the Centralia Police Department or any administrator, officer, or staff member currently employed there.

Based on my experience and training, I can confidently say that in my opinion, SB5395 The Mandated Comprehensive Sex Education Bill is nothing but a framework for grooming children to be victims of sexual abuse and an obscene assault on innocence. The Bill and the curricula that complies with its mandates (Flash and The Three R's) violate the most basic principle of child sex education namely: "When a child is ready for the answer to a question about sex, they will ask the question." By the way, "Flash" and "The Three R's" are free programs that school districts don't have to pay for. In a state where most schools are underfunded and lack resources for basic educational needs, which programs do you think they will choose? In my interviews with both victims and the offenders who will admit it, they both report, almost without exception, the use of "desensitizing" as a means to induce a child to participate in sexual activity without resistance. This is done by introducing them to sex toys, pornography and inappropriate affection until the child is comfortable with these things and their natural fear is overcome. Now the offender can accomplish his/her goal. The above very much describes the curricula I have read.

The Superintendent of Public Schools has said publicly that this bill will not teach anything that is not medically accurate or illegal. Yet during a radio interview on March 3rd of this year he would not answer the question, "Can boys get pregnant?". In the lessons our children will be taught, kindergarteners and students up to 15-years old will be taught that they are sexual beings with the right to sexual pleasure. The last time I checked, depending on the age of the child (under 16) and age difference between the participants, someone could be going to jail...for a very long time. Rape of a Child is still a crime. Child Molest and Communication with a Minor for Immoral Purposes is still on the books. That makes the lessons being taught to our children quite illegal. Missing from these lessons is the terrible toll early sexual activity has on a child.

This bill was passed and signed by the governor over the objections of the majority of people in this state. Even the survey taken by the study group indicated that the majority of people did not want mandated CSE. This tells me two things: 1. the legislature thinks we are too stupid to educate our children in this subject OR 2. they do not want values and the law of chastity to have a place in our children's lives. In fact, I'm starting to wonder if they want their parents and grandparents to have a place in their lives...at least a significant place.

Last of all is this word "mandated". There is a provision in the bill that allows for parents to "opt" their children out of this "comprehensive sex education". How can a class be mandated yet discretionary? ***When does "mandated" start really being "MANDATED" and how far is the state willing to go to enforce that "MANDATE"? I think we've seen a little preview of that with COVID-19 situation.***

- Officer Chris