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Committee Assignment: Senate 3

Bill #: S-20

1 **Sponsors:** Jordan Fuss and Allison GiamBruno

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3 **An Act To:** Add Education Law Article 19-923 to mandate that all public school
4 districts must add LGBT issues to their K-12 health curriculum.

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6 *The People of the State of New York, represented in the Senate and Assembly do enact as follows:*

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8 **Purpose**

9 The purpose of this bill is to create a set curriculum that all New York state health teachers must
10 follow when teaching about LGBTQ+ health.

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12 **Summary of Provision**

13 The curriculum would include LGBTQ+ health being taught in all high school or middle school
14 health classes in New York State. The curriculum would include LGBTQ+ versions of what is
15 already taught to make sure it is inclusive for all students.

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17 **Justification**

18 In today's current health curriculum taught in schools they do not address LGBTQ+
19 issues like they do other issues and topics. There may be a brief statement quickly
20 addressing LGBTQ+ but not enough. Not all students benefit from a typical health
21 class taught in New York State because they may be questioning their gender and
22 sexual identity. It is unfair to those students who feel that way. Having a set
23 curriculum would lessen confusion for teachers on when or how they're supposed to
24 teach these topics.

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26 **Fiscal Implications**

27 There would be no fiscal implications.

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29 **Effective Date**

30 January 1, 2019

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