

RESOLUTION FOR SCHOOL HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCILS

WHEREAS, the 74th Texas Legislature created School Health Advisory Councils, also known as SHACs, “to assist the district in ensuring that local community values are reflected in the district's health education instruction,” by requiring school districts to “consider the recommendations of the local school health advisory council before changing the district's health education curriculum or instruction,” and by requiring that “five of the members of the School Health Advisory Council be appointed by the Board of Trustees;

WHEREAS, according to Texas Education Code 28.004 school districts are only prevented from distributing condoms during Human Sexuality Instruction;

WHEREAS, Texas parents have limited visibility to School Health Advisory Council business and health education changes and are only provided summary level information to regarding the Human Sexuality Instruction;

And WHEREAS, Texas Education Code 28.004 (i-3) allows only a limited grievance process for violations;

BE IT RESOLVED, THEREFORE that the State of Texas should adopt changes to Texas Education Code 28.004 to require every member of the School Health Advisory Council to be appointed by the Board of Trustees; require every District to post School Health Advisory Council meeting minutes, full and fair disclosure of the contents of the Human Sexuality Instruction, and proposed changes to health education; close loopholes and prohibit contraception distribution and demonstration; and expand the grievance process to cover the entire section of Texas Education Code 28.004.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be sent to the _____ Senatorial/County Convention Resolutions Committee from Precinct #_____ of the _____ County _____ Party, with the recommendation that it be passed and sent to the State Convention Platform Committee of the _____ Party of Texas.