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Measure: SB409

#### I SUPPORT SB409

1. It is a first step towards transparency in our schools. Courses of study information should be available to the public on the district website.
2. This bill ensures transparency and accountability in education by requiring school districts to provide information on their courses of study on their website. This helps parents and students make informed decisions about their education.
3. By requiring school districts to provide information on textbooks and instructional materials used for each course, parents can better understand what their children are being taught and make sure it aligns with their values.
4. The bill empowers school districts to offer supplemental courses that are not inconsistent with the prescribed courses, which can provide more opportunities for students to learn about important topics that may not be covered in the state curriculum.
5. By allowing school districts to establish a course of education concerning sexually transmitted infections, parents have the option to teach their children about this topic or to allow them to receive this education in school. The bill also ensures that parents are notified in advance of the course and have the option to have their child excused.
6. Finally, this bill promotes collaboration between school districts and local health departments and the Superintendent of Public Instruction, which can help improve the quality of education and promote public health.