

SENATE NO. 96

AN ACT TO PROMOTE HEALTHY BEHAVIORS

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled,
And by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 SECTION 1.

2 Chapter 111 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting After section 24J, the
3 following section:-

4 Section 24K. The department shall establish a program of community based health and
5 sexuality education services provided by comprehensive family planning agencies. Said
6 program shall be designed to promote healthy behaviors among adolescents and/or guardians by
7 providing science based health information and education.

8 Community based health education staff shall promote healthy behaviors within the community
9 by providing specialized education and outreach to targeted high risk populations, parents and
10 guardians and to staff of community based agencies providing services to young people. Said
11 specialized education and outreach program shall include efforts to reduce unintended

12 pregnancy; promote abstinence in order to delay adolescent sexual activity; increase parental
13 ability to communicate with their children about healthy sexuality; and reduce unhealthy risk
14 taking behavior among all individuals

15 For the purposes of the section, comprehensive family planning agencies shall be defined
16 pursuant to section 24E of this chapter.