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1 Senators Deutch and Rich moved the following **amendment:**

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3 **Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

4 Delete lines 45 through 66

5 and insert:

6 (5) A public school teacher in the state's K-12 school
7 system may not be disciplined, denied tenure, terminated, or
8 otherwise discriminated against for objectively presenting
9 scientific information relevant to the full range of scientific
10 views regarding biological or chemical evolution and
11 comprehensive sexual education that is age-appropriate and
12 factual in connection with teaching any prescribed curriculum
13 regarding chemical or biological evolution and any prescribed
14 abstinence-only curriculum regarding human sexuality,
15 respectively.

16 (6) Public school students in the state's K-12 school
17 system shall be evaluated based upon their understanding of



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18 course materials through normal testing procedures. However,
19 students shall not be penalized for subscribing to a particular
20 position or view regarding biological or chemical evolution.

21 (7) The rights and privileges contained in this section
22 apply when the subject of biological or chemical evolution or
23 comprehensive sexual education is part of the curriculum. This
24 section does not require or encourage any change in the state
25 curriculum standards for the K-12 public school system.

26 (8) This section does not promote any religious doctrine,
27 promote discrimination for or against a particular set of
28 religious beliefs, or promote discrimination for or against
29 religion or nonreligion.

30 Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2008.

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32 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

33 And the title is amended as follows:

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35 Delete lines 7 through 13
36 and insert:

37 on biological and chemical evolution; prohibiting a
38 teacher from being discriminated against for presenting
39 such information; prohibiting students from being
40 penalized for subscribing to a particular position on
41 evolution; clarifying that the act does not require any
42 change in state curriculum standards or promote any
43 religious position; providing an effective date.