

**REQUIRE TEEN DATING VIOLENCE EDUCATION**  
**HOUSE BILL NO. 6494**

Teen dating violence has become a serious issue across the United States. Statistics show that one in three teenagers has experience violence in a dating relationship. Teen dating violence goes either unnoticed or unreported because teenagers are inexperienced in the area of dating and have little to no knowledge about what is considered violence within a relationship. The first step to preventing teen dating violence is to educate teenagers about healthy and non-healthy relationships, personal safety, self worth, and ways to recognize signs of an abusive relationship. Providing teenagers with education about teen dating violence can allow them to make better and more informed choices when it comes to relationships. An education program about teen dating violence needs to be established in public schools because it will allow for a large numbers of teenagers to be involved. If more teenagers are educated about dating violence, it is likely that dating violence among teens will decrease.

**I encourage your support of House Bill No. 6494.**

**My personal support for this bill:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Wednesday, March 25, 2009**

Town: \_\_\_\_\_

**Victims' Voice Day!**