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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to reproductive health

An act relating to reproductive health and disease education; amending s. 1002.20, F.S.; providing that a public school student may be exposed to certain teaching only after the student's parents have an opportunity to review the curriculum; amending s. 1003.42, F.S.; requiring school districts or specified schools to notify and obtain written parental consent before the teaching about reproductive health or any sexually transmitted disease; prohibiting schools from allowing students to be exposed to such teaching without written parental consent; prohibiting penalizing a student whose parent does not give such written consent; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Paragraph (d) of subsection (3) of section 1002.20, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1002.20 K-12 student and parent rights.—Parents of public school students must receive accurate and timely information regarding their child's academic progress and must be informed of ways they can help their child to succeed in school. K-12 students and their parents are afforded numerous statutory rights including, but not limited to, the following:

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(3) HEALTH ISSUES.-

A public school students must be provided an opportunity to review curriculum used to teach about student whose parent makes written request to the school principal shall be exempted from the teaching of reproductive health or any sexually transmitted disease, including HIV/AIDS, before providing written consent required by in accordance with the provisions of s. 1003.42(3).

Section 2. Subsection (3) of section 1003.42, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1003.42 Required instruction.-

(3) Each school district, or school as defined in s.

1003.01(2), shall provide parents the opportunity to review curriculum used for Any student whose parent makes written request to the school principal shall be exempted from the teaching of reproductive health or any sexually transmitted disease, including HIV/AIDS and, its symptoms, development, and treatment. A school may not allow a student to be exposed to such teaching without prior written consent of his or her parent. A student whose parent does not give written consent for such teaching so exempted may not be penalized by reason of that withholding of consent exemption. Course descriptions for comprehensive health education may shall not interfere with the local determination of appropriate curriculum which reflects local values and concerns.

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Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.

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