

By the Committee on Education Pre-K - 12; and Senator Geller

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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to public K-12 educational  
3           instruction; amending s. 1003.42, F.S.;  
4           requiring school districts to communicate with  
5           parents and others concerning the school  
6           curriculum related to the teaching of human  
7           sexuality to secondary school students;  
8           requiring that the information describe the  
9           available procedures that parents may use to  
10          review the curriculum and the methods by which  
11          the parents may provide comments and offer  
12          input to the school district; providing an  
13          effective date.

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

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17           Section 1. Subsection (4) is added to section 1003.42,  
18 Florida Statutes, to read:

19           1003.42 Required instruction.--

20           (4) Each school district shall notify the parents and  
21 the local community, using the district website or other  
22 commonly used method of communication, of the instructional  
23 standards or course descriptions used by the secondary schools  
24 in the school district to teach human sexuality and pregnancy  
25 and disease awareness and prevention. The website or other  
26 method of communication must include information concerning  
27 the available procedures that parents may use to review the  
28 curriculum and the methods by which they may provide comments  
29 and offer input to the school district.

30           Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007.

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1                   STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN  
2                   COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
3                   Senate Bill 162  
4                   The committee substitute does the following:  
5                   Requires each school district to notify parents and the  
6                   community of instruction provided to secondary students for  
7                   human sexuality and disease and pregnancy prevention;  
8                   Requires that the curriculum information be provided using the  
9                   district's website or the most commonly-used method of  
10                  communication. The communication must include procedures  
11                  available to parents and the community for the review of the  
12                  curriculum and methods for providing input and comments; and  
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14                  Removes provisions relating to the notice requirements and  
15                  provisions regarding a separate mailing for that purpose.  
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