

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to public K-12 education; amending s.
 3 1003.42, F.S.; providing that comprehensive health
 4 education taught in the public schools shall include a
 5 component on teen dating violence and abuse for students
 6 in grades 7 through 12; creating s. 1006.148, F.S.;
 7 requiring district school boards to adopt and implement a
 8 dating violence and abuse policy; providing policy
 9 requirements; requiring the Department of Education to
 10 develop a model policy; requiring school personnel
 11 training; providing an effective date.

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

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15 Section 1. Paragraph (n) of subsection (2) of section
 16 1003.42, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

17 1003.42 Required instruction.—

18 (2) Members of the instructional staff of the public
 19 schools, subject to the rules of the State Board of Education
 20 and the district school board, shall teach efficiently and
 21 faithfully, using the books and materials required that meet the
 22 highest standards for professionalism and historic accuracy,
 23 following the prescribed courses of study, and employing
 24 approved methods of instruction, the following:

25 (n) Comprehensive health education that addresses concepts
 26 of community health; consumer health; environmental health;
 27 family life, including an awareness of the benefits of sexual
 28 abstinence as the expected standard and the consequences of

29 teenage pregnancy; mental and emotional health; injury
 30 prevention and safety; nutrition; personal health; prevention
 31 and control of disease; and substance use and abuse. The health
 32 education curriculum for students in grades 7 through 12 shall
 33 include a teen dating violence and abuse component that
 34 includes, but is not limited to, the definition of dating
 35 violence and abuse, the warning signs of dating violence and
 36 abusive behavior, the characteristics of healthy relationships,
 37 measures to prevent and stop dating violence and abuse, and
 38 legal remedies and community resources available to victims of
 39 dating violence and abuse.

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 41 The State Board of Education is encouraged to adopt standards
 42 and pursue assessment of the requirements of this subsection.

43 Section 2. Section 1006.148, Florida Statutes, is created
 44 to read:

45 1006.148 Dating violence and abuse prohibited.-

46 (1) Each district school board shall adopt and implement a
 47 dating violence and abuse policy. The policy shall:

48 (a) Prohibit dating violence and abuse by any student on
 49 school property, during a school-sponsored activity, or during
 50 school-sponsored transportation.

51 (b) Provide procedures for responding to such incidents of
 52 dating violence or abuse, including accommodations for students
 53 experiencing dating violence or abuse.

54 (c) Define dating violence and abuse and provide for a
 55 teen dating violence and abuse component in the health education

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56 curriculum, according to s. 1003.42(2)(n), with emphasis on
57 prevention education.

58 (d) Be implemented in a manner that is integrated with a
59 school district's discipline policies.

60 (2) To assist district school boards in developing a
61 policy prohibiting dating violence and abuse, the Department of
62 Education shall develop a model policy.

63 (3) Each district school board shall provide training for
64 teachers, staff, and school administrators to implement this
65 section.

66 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2010.