By the Committee on Education Pre-K - 12; and Senators Smith and Sobel

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A bill to be entitled

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

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

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

1003.42 Required instruction.—

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

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

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30 teenage pregnancy; mental and emotional health; injury
31 prevention and safety; nutrition; personal health; prevention
32 and control of disease; and substance use and abuse. The health
33 education curriculum for students in grades 7 through 12 shall
34 include a teen dating violence and abuse component that
35 includes, but is not limited to, the definition of dating
36 violence and abuse, the warning signs of dating violence and
37 abusive behavior, the characteristics of healthy relationships,
38 measures to prevent and stop dating violence and abuse, and
39 community resources available to victims of dating violence and
40 abuse.
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42 The State Board of Education is encouraged to adopt standards
43 and pursue assessment of the requirements of this subsection.
44 Section 2. Section 1006.148, Florida Statutes, is created
45 to read:
46 1006.148 Dating violence and abuse prohibited.—
47 (1) Each district school board shall adopt and implement a
48 dating violence and abuse policy. The policy shall:
49 (a) Prohibit dating violence and abuse by any student on
50 school property, during a school-sponsored activity, or during
51 school-sponsored transportation.
52 (b) Provide procedures for responding to such incidents of
53 dating violence or abuse, including accommodations for students
54 experiencing dating violence or abuse.
55 (c) Define dating violence and abuse and provide for a teen
56 dating violence and abuse component in the health education
57 curriculum, according to s. 1003.42(2)(n), with emphasis on
58 prevention education.

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59 (d) Be implemented in a manner that is integrated with a
60 school district's discipline policies.
61 (2) No later than January 1, 2011, the Department of
62 Education shall develop a model policy to serve as a guide for
63 district school boards when developing the dating violence and
64 abuse policy described in subsection (1).
65 (3) Each district school board shall provide training for
66 teachers, staff, and school administrators to implement this
67 section.
68 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2010.

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