

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to required instruction in the public
 3 schools; amending s. 1003.46, F.S.; requiring each
 4 district school board to provide and each high school
 5 student to complete specified coursework in human
 6 sexuality; defining the term "medically accurate
 7 information"; requiring the coursework to be developed by
 8 the Department of Education with input from teachers,
 9 school administrators, students, parents, and medical
 10 professionals; requiring the availability of resource
 11 packets containing course content; revising the contents
 12 of authorized instruction; authorizing exemption from
 13 instruction; amending s. 1002.20, F.S.; conforming a
 14 cross-reference; providing an effective date.

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

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 18 Section 1. Section 1003.46, Florida Statutes, is amended
 19 to read:

20 1003.46 Health education; instruction in human sexuality
 21 and acquired immune deficiency syndrome.—

22 (1) (a) Each district school board shall provide and each
 23 high school student must complete a 1-week course in human
 24 sexuality during each of the 4 years of high school. The 1-week
 25 course shall include medically accurate information and focus on
 26 the following issues:

- 27 1. Abstinence.
 28 2. Contraception.

29 3. Sexually transmitted diseases, including definitions,
 30 symptoms, methods of transmittal, risk factors, and means to
 31 control the spread of the diseases.

32 4. Teen pregnancies.

33 (b) For the purposes of this section, "medically accurate
 34 information" means information supported by the weight of
 35 research conducted in compliance with generally accepted
 36 scientific methods and recognized as accurate and objective by
 37 leading professional organizations and agencies having relevant
 38 expertise in the field.

39 (c) The coursework shall be developed by the Department of
 40 Education with input from teachers, school administrators,
 41 students, parents, and professionals from the medical field and
 42 shall be taught in a uniform method by each school district. The
 43 coursework shall inform the students of the availability of
 44 information through local and statewide support networks and web
 45 portals.

46 (d) The content of the course in human sexuality shall be
 47 available in a resource packet which must be provided by the
 48 school guidance counselor to a student upon request. A resource
 49 packet may be given to a student only after the guidance
 50 counselor has informed the student of its contents.

51 (2)-(1) In addition to the coursework required under
 52 subsection (1), each district school board may provide to all
 53 public school students instruction in acquired immune deficiency
 54 syndrome education as a specific area of health education. Such
 55 instruction may include, but is not limited to, the known modes
 56 of transmission, signs and symptoms, risk factors associated

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57 ~~with acquired immune deficiency syndrome, and means used to~~
58 ~~control the spread of acquired immune deficiency syndrome. The~~
59 ~~instruction shall be appropriate for the grade and age of the~~
60 ~~student and shall reflect current theory, knowledge, and~~
61 ~~practice regarding acquired immune deficiency syndrome and its~~
62 ~~prevention.~~

63 ~~(2) Throughout instruction in acquired immune deficiency~~
64 ~~syndrome, sexually transmitted diseases, or health education~~
65 ~~which, when such instruction and course material contains~~
66 ~~instruction in human sexuality. If, a school provides~~
67 ~~instruction pursuant to this subsection, the school shall:~~

68 ~~(a) Teach abstinence from sexual activity outside of~~
69 ~~marriage as the expected standard for all school-age students~~
70 ~~while teaching the benefits of monogamous heterosexual marriage.~~

71 ~~(a)(b)~~ Emphasize that abstinence from sexual activity is a
72 certain way to avoid unintended out-of-wedlock pregnancy,
73 sexually transmitted diseases, including acquired immune
74 deficiency syndrome, and other associated health problems.

75 ~~(b)(e)~~ Teach that each student has the power to control
76 personal behavior and encourage students to base actions on
77 reasoning, self-esteem, and respect for others.

78 ~~(c)(d)~~ Provide instruction and material that is medically
79 and factually accurate and appropriate for the grade and age of
80 the student.

81 (3) Any student whose parent makes written request to the
82 school principal shall be exempted from the teaching of human
83 sexuality or sexually transmitted diseases. A student so
84 exempted may not be penalized by reason of that exemption.

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85 Section 2. Paragraph (d) of subsection (3) of section
86 1002.20, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

87 1002.20 K-12 student and parent rights.—Parents of public
88 school students must receive accurate and timely information
89 regarding their child's academic progress and must be informed
90 of ways they can help their child to succeed in school. K-12
91 students and their parents are afforded numerous statutory
92 rights including, but not limited to, the following:

93 (3) HEALTH ISSUES.—

94 (d) Reproductive health and disease education.—A public
95 school student whose parent makes written request to the school
96 principal shall be exempted from the teaching of reproductive
97 health or any disease, including HIV/AIDS, in accordance with
98 the provisions of ss. ~~ss.~~ 1003.42(3) and 1003.46(3).

99 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011.