

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STAFF ANALYSIS

BILL #: CS/HB 343 Public K-12 Education
SPONSOR(S): K-12 Subcommittee and Jones
TIED BILLS: **IDEN./SIM. BILLS:** SB 1596

REFERENCE	ACTION	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR or BUDGET/POLICY CHIEF
1) K-12 Subcommittee	11 Y, 0 N	Cherry	Fudge
2) Education Committee			

SUMMARY ANALYSIS

In 2010, Legislature enacted Chapter 2010-217, L.O.F., which required that each district school board adopt and implement a dating violence and abuse policy which must be integrated into each school district’s discipline policies. Each district’s policy must prohibit dating violence and abuse by any student on school property, during a school-sponsored activity, or during school-sponsored transportation; provide procedures for responding to such incidents of dating violence or abuse, including accommodations for students experiencing dating violence or abuse; and define dating violence and abuse and provide for a teen dating violence and abuse component in the health education curriculum.

The bill specifies that Chapter 2010-217, L.O.F., may be cited as the “Taylor’s Law for Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention,” after Taylor Mack, who survived horrific injuries stemming from an attack by her boyfriend in 2009.

The bill provides an effective date of July 1, 2016.

FULL ANALYSIS

I. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS

A. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

Current Situation

Chapter 2010-217, L.O.F., required a teen dating violence and abuse component to be added to the current comprehensive health education curriculum provided to students in grades 7 through 12.¹ The dating violence and abuse component includes, but is not limited to, the definition of dating violence and abuse, the warning signs of dating violence and abusive behavior, the characteristics of healthy relationships, measures to prevent and stop dating violence and abuse, and community resources available to victims of dating violence and abuse.²

Each district school board is also required to adopt and implement a dating violence and abuse policy which is to be integrated into each school district's discipline policies.³ Each district's policy must:

- Prohibit dating violence and abuse by any student on school property, during a school-sponsored activity, or during school-sponsored transportation;
- Provide procedures for responding to such incidents of dating violence or abuse, including accommodations for students experiencing dating violence or abuse;
- Define dating violence and abuse and provide for a teen dating violence and abuse component in the health education curriculum, with emphasis on prevention education.⁴

Each school district must also provide training for teachers, staff, and school administrators to implement the dating violence and abuse policies.⁵

Effect of Proposed Changes

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B. SECTION DIRECTORY:

Section 1. Provides a short title for chapter 2010-217, L.O.F.

Section 2. Provides an effective date of July 1, 2016.

II. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:

1. Revenues:

None.

2. Expenditures:

None.

¹ Section 1003.42(2)(n), F.S.

² *Id.*

³ Section 1006.148(1), (1)(d), F.S.

⁴ Section 1006.148(1)(a), (b), (c), and (d), F.S.

⁵ Section 1006.148(3), F.S.

⁶ wftv.com, *911 Call Released of Girl Who Was Stabbed, Burned*, <http://www.wftv.com/news/news/911-call-released-of-girl-who-was-stabbed-burned/nFDyC/> (last visited Jan. 27, 2016).

B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:

1. Revenues:

None.

2. Expenditures:

None.

C. DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PRIVATE SECTOR:

None.

D. FISCAL COMMENTS:

None.

III. COMMENTS

A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:

1. Applicability of Municipality/County Mandates Provision:

None.

2. Other:

None.

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

None.

C. DRAFTING ISSUES OR OTHER COMMENTS:

None.

IV. AMENDMENTS/ COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES

On February 1, 2016, the K-12 Subcommittee adopted a proposed committee substitute and reported the bill favorably as a committee substitute. The committee substitute titles Chapter 2010-217, L.O.F., as the "Taylor's Law for Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention." The analysis is drafted to reflect the committee substitute.