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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2       An act relating to the humanity of the unborn child;  
3       providing a short title; providing legislative intent;  
4       requiring the Department of Health to develop and  
5       annually update an electronic form containing certain  
6       information regarding assistance available to  
7       expectant mothers; providing requirements for such  
8       form; requiring the department to develop and  
9       distribute certain educational and informational  
10      materials; requiring the department to provide  
11      technical assistance to community-based organizations  
12      to prevent and promote awareness of elective  
13      terminations of pregnancies; requiring certain  
14      facilities providing obstetrical and birth control  
15      services to conspicuously display signs containing  
16      specified statements; requiring the Department of  
17      Education, in collaboration with the Department of  
18      Health, to develop an instructional program for public  
19      school students regarding the humanity of the unborn  
20      child; authorizing district school boards to implement  
21      such instructional program; prohibiting such  
22      instructional program from including any component of  
23      human sexuality education other than the curricular  
24      content established in the state standards;  
25      prohibiting referrals of any student to a medical  
26      facility or provider offering abortion services;  
27      requiring the Department of Health to submit an annual  
28      report to the Governor and Legislature by a specified  
29      date; providing an effective date.

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31 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:  
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33 Section 1. (1) This section may be cited as the "Humanity  
34 of the Unborn Child Act."

35 (2) It is the intent of the Legislature to protect and  
36 nurture the rights of unborn children to pursue life, liberty,  
37 and happiness.

38 (3) The Department of Health shall:

39 (a) Develop, maintain, and update annually an electronic  
40 form that contains information regarding public and private  
41 agencies and services available to assist a woman throughout her  
42 pregnancy, upon childbirth, and while the child is dependent.  
43 The form must be indexed geographically and must include:

44 1. A comprehensive list of the public and private agencies  
45 available, including, but not limited to, adoption agencies.

46 2. A description of the services such agencies offer.

47 3. Each agency's contact information, including, but not  
48 limited to, telephone numbers and e-mail addresses.

49 (b) Publish the form required in paragraph (a) on the  
50 department's website along with the following statement:

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52 "THERE ARE MANY PUBLIC AND PRIVATE AGENCIES WILLING AND ABLE TO  
53 HELP YOU CARRY YOUR CHILD TO TERM AND ASSIST YOU AND YOUR CHILD  
54 AFTER YOUR CHILD IS BORN, WHETHER YOU CHOOSE TO KEEP YOUR CHILD  
55 OR TO PLACE HIM OR HER FOR ADOPTION. THE STATE OF FLORIDA  
56 STRONGLY URGES YOU TO CONTACT THEM IF YOU ARE PREGNANT AND IN  
57 NEED OF ASSISTANCE."  
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59 The statement must include the hyperlink to the department's  
60 website containing the information required in this subsection.  
61 Such information must be made available in a downloadable format  
62 appropriate for display.

63 (c) Develop and make available materials designed to  
64 provide accurate, scientifically verifiable information  
65 regarding the probable anatomical and physiological  
66 characteristics of the unborn child at 2-week gestational  
67 intervals.

68 (d) Develop and distribute educational and informational  
69 materials to provide information through public service  
70 announcements on radio, television, the Internet, or print media  
71 for the purpose of achieving an abortion-free society. The  
72 department must develop such materials using the most readily  
73 available, accurate, and up-to-date information and ensure that  
74 such materials clearly and consistently communicate that the  
75 elective termination of an unborn child kills a living human  
76 being.

77 (e) Provide technical assistance to help community-based  
78 organizations plan and implement programs designed to prevent  
79 elective terminations of pregnancies and promote awareness of  
80 the alternatives to such terminations and the humanity of the  
81 unborn child.

82 (f) Provide outreach, consultation, training, and referral  
83 services that offer alternatives to the elective termination of  
84 a pregnancy to schools, organizations, and members of the  
85 community.

86 (g) Distribute educational and informational material  
87 regarding maternal behavior during pregnancy which is beneficial

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88 to an unborn child, including, but not limited to, avoiding  
89 tobacco, alcohol, and other drugs; maintaining proper nutrition  
90 and taking prenatal vitamins; and using resources available for  
91 prenatal medical and wellness care.

92 (h) Recommend to the Department of Education scientifically  
93 verifiable information regarding the unborn child in accordance  
94 with the educational standards of science, family and consumer  
95 sciences, and health classes.

96 (4) Any facility providing obstetrical and birth control  
97 services, including, but not limited to, obstetrical care  
98 offices, public health clinics, hospitals, health clinics at  
99 public postsecondary educational institutions, or abortion  
100 referral or counseling agencies as defined in s. 390.025,  
101 Florida Statutes, shall conspicuously display signs with the  
102 following statement:

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104 "ONLY YOU CAN GIVE YOUR UNBORN CHILD A CHANCE TO LIVE A  
105 BEAUTIFUL AND PRODUCTIVE LIFE. THE STATE OF FLORIDA URGES YOU TO  
106 HELP PROMOTE YOUR CHILD'S RIGHT TO LIVE. THERE ARE PUBLIC AND  
107 PRIVATE AGENCIES WILLING AND ABLE TO HELP YOU CARRY YOUR CHILD  
108 TO TERM AND ASSIST YOU AND YOUR CHILD AFTER YOUR CHILD IS BORN,  
109 WHETHER YOU CHOOSE TO KEEP YOUR CHILD OR TO PLACE HIM OR HER FOR  
110 ADOPTION. THE STATE OF FLORIDA STRONGLY URGES YOU TO CONTACT  
111 THEM IF YOU ARE PREGNANT AND IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE."

112 (5) (a) The Department of Education, in collaboration with  
113 the Department of Health, shall establish an instructional  
114 program for public school students based on the principles and  
115 requirements in this section. Each district school board may  
116 implement such instructional program using, at its discretion,

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117 content focused on teaching the humanity of the unborn child. At  
118 a minimum, the instructional program must provide:

119 1. Accurate, scientifically verifiable information  
120 regarding the probable anatomical and physiological  
121 characteristics of the unborn child at different stages of  
122 gestation. The Department of Education may use as a resource  
123 material provided by the Department of Health which illustrates  
124 the characteristics of the unborn child.

125 2. Information on accessing prenatal health care.

126 3. The locations and contact information for public and  
127 private agencies and services available to assist a woman  
128 throughout her pregnancy, upon childbirth, and while the child  
129 is dependent, including, but not limited to, adoption agencies;  
130 a description of the services offered by such agencies; and the  
131 manner by which such agencies may be contacted, including, but  
132 not limited to, telephone numbers and email addresses.

133 (b) The instructional program may not include any component  
134 of human sexuality education other than the specific curricular  
135 content established for science in the Next Generation Sunshine  
136 State Standards pursuant to s. 1003.41, Florida Statutes.

137 (c) Any person employed to deliver the instructional  
138 program as provided in paragraph (a) may not refer any student  
139 to a medical facility or any provider for the performance of an  
140 abortion.

141 (6) By December 1, 2017, and each year thereafter, the  
142 Department of Health shall submit an annual report regarding its  
143 implementation of this section to the Governor, the President of  
144 the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

145 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017.