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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to human trafficking education in  
3           schools; amending s. 1003.42, F.S.; revising the  
4           required health education in public schools to include  
5           information regarding the dangers and signs of human  
6           trafficking; authorizing a student to opt out of a  
7           specified portion of the health education under  
8           certain circumstances; providing an effective date.  
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10 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:  
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12           Section 1. Paragraph (n) of subsection (2) of section  
13 1003.42, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

14           1003.42 Required instruction.—

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

22           (n) Comprehensive health education that addresses concepts  
23 of community health; consumer health; environmental health;  
24 family life, including an awareness of the benefits of sexual  
25 abstinence as the expected standard and the consequences of  
26 teenage pregnancy; mental and emotional health; injury  
27 prevention and safety; Internet safety; the dangers and signs of  
28 human trafficking; nutrition; personal health; prevention and  
29 control of disease; and substance use and abuse. The health  
30 education curriculum for students in grades 7 through 12 shall  
31 include a teen dating violence and abuse component that  
32 includes, but is not limited to, the definition of dating

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33 violence and abuse, the warning signs of dating violence and  
34 abusive behavior, the characteristics of healthy relationships,  
35 measures to prevent and stop dating violence and abuse, and  
36 community resources available to victims of dating violence and  
37 abuse. The human trafficking education portion of the health  
38 curriculum shall include, but is not limited to, information on  
39 the warning signs of human trafficking, terms used by  
40 traffickers, red flags that would indicate a trafficker's  
41 malicious intent toward a student, websites that are popular  
42 with traffickers, and details on how a student may get help. A  
43 student may elect to opt out of the instruction of this portion  
44 of the health education by providing the school with a written  
45 note from his or her parent.

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

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