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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate

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House

Appropriations Subcommittee on Education (Baxley) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 40 and 41

insert:

Section 1. Paragraph (n) is added to subsection (3) of section 1002.20, Florida Statutes, to read:

1002.20 K-12 student and parent rights.—Parents of public school students must receive accurate and timely information regarding their child’s academic progress and must be informed of ways they can help their child to succeed in school. K-12



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11 students and their parents are afforded numerous statutory
12 rights including, but not limited to, the following:

13 (3) HEALTH ISSUES.—

14 (n) Comprehensive health education.—A public school student
15 whose parent makes a written request to the school principal
16 shall be exempted from any portion of the comprehensive health
17 education required under s. 1003.42(2)(n) which the parent finds
18 objectionable.

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

21 1003.42 Required instruction.—

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

29 (n) Comprehensive health education that addresses concepts
30 of community health; consumer health; environmental health;
31 family life, including an awareness of the benefits of sexual
32 abstinence as the expected standard and the consequences of
33 teenage pregnancy; mental and emotional health; injury
34 prevention and safety; Internet safety; nutrition; personal
35 health; prevention and control of disease; ~~and~~ substance use and
36 abuse; ~~The health education curriculum for students in grades 7~~
37 ~~through 12 shall include a teen dating violence and abuse~~
38 ~~component that includes, but is not limited to, the definition~~
39 ~~of dating violence and abuse,~~ the warning signs of dating



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40 violence and abusive behavior; techniques for students and
41 teachers to recognize, prevent, and respond to child abuse; and
42 the dangers and warning signs of human trafficking, ~~the~~
43 ~~characteristics of healthy relationships, measures to prevent~~
44 ~~and stop dating violence and abuse, and community resources~~
45 ~~available to victims of dating violence and abuse.~~ The State
46 Board of Education is encouraged to adopt standards and pursue
47 assessment of the requirements of this subsection. A character
48 development program that incorporates the values of the
49 recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor and that is
50 offered as part of a social studies, English Language Arts, or
51 other schoolwide character building and veteran awareness
52 initiative meets the requirements of paragraphs (s) and (t).

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54 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

55 And the title is amended as follows:

56 Delete line 2

57 and insert:

58 An act relating to education; amending s. 1002.20,
59 F.S.; providing that students be exempted from certain
60 portions of the comprehensive health education
61 curriculum upon a written request by the parent to the
62 school principal; amending s. 1003.42, F.S.; revising
63 the health education concepts required to be taught by
64 instructional staff of public schools; amending s.
65 1003.4282,