

1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to comprehensive health education;  
3           amending s. 1003.42, F.S.; revising the requirements  
4           for comprehensive health education in public schools  
5           to include information regarding child abuse and human  
6           trafficking; deleting a requirement that such health  
7           education include specified information relating to  
8           teen dating violence and abuse and information  
9           relating to healthy relationships; amending s.  
10          1002.20, F.S.; providing an exemption from portions of  
11          the comprehensive health education in public schools  
12          to certain students; providing requirements for such  
13          exemption; providing an effective date.

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

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17          Section 1. Paragraph (n) of subsection (2) of section  
18          1003.42, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

19          1003.42 Required instruction.—

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

26 approved methods of instruction, the following:

27 (n) Comprehensive health education that addresses concepts  
28 of community health; consumer health; environmental health;  
29 family life, including an awareness of the benefits of sexual  
30 abstinence as the expected standard and the consequences of  
31 teenage pregnancy; mental and emotional health; injury  
32 prevention and safety; Internet safety; nutrition; personal  
33 health; prevention and control of disease; ~~and~~ substance use and  
34 abuse; ~~. The health education curriculum for students in grades~~  
35 ~~7 through 12 shall include a teen dating violence and abuse~~  
36 ~~component that includes, but is not limited to, the definition~~  
37 ~~of dating violence and abuse, the warning signs of dating~~  
38 ~~violence and abusive behavior; techniques for students and~~  
39 ~~teachers to recognize and respond to child abuse; and the~~  
40 ~~dangers and warning signs of human trafficking, the~~  
41 ~~characteristics of healthy relationships, measures to prevent~~  
42 ~~and stop dating violence and abuse, and community resources~~  
43 ~~available to victims of dating violence and abuse.~~

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45 The State Board of Education is encouraged to adopt standards  
46 and pursue assessment of the requirements of this subsection. A  
47 character development program that incorporates the values of  
48 the recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor and that is  
49 offered as part of a social studies, English Language Arts, or  
50 other schoolwide character building and veteran awareness

51 initiative meets the requirements of paragraphs (s) and (t).

52 Section 2. Paragraph (n) is added to subsection (3) of  
53 section 1002.20, Florida Statutes, to read:

54 1002.20 K-12 student and parent rights.—Parents of public  
55 school students must receive accurate and timely information  
56 regarding their child's academic progress and must be informed  
57 of ways they can help their child to succeed in school. K-12  
58 students and their parents are afforded numerous statutory  
59 rights including, but not limited to, the following:

60 (3) HEALTH ISSUES.—

61 (n) A public school student whose parent makes a written  
62 request to the school principal shall be exempted from portions  
63 of the comprehensive health education required under s.  
64 1003.42(2)(n) that the parent finds objectionable.

65 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019.