

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to comprehensive health in public  
 3           schools; amending s. 1003.42, F.S.; revising the  
 4           requirements for comprehensive health education in  
 5           public schools to include information regarding child  
 6           abuse and human trafficking; deleting a requirement  
 7           that such health education include specified  
 8           information relating to teen dating violence and abuse  
 9           and information relating to healthy relationships;  
 10          amending s. 1003.453, F.S.; requiring school districts  
 11          to develop cardiac emergency response plans and, under  
 12          certain circumstances, automated external  
 13          defibrillator maintenance plans; providing  
 14          requirements for such plans; amending s. 1002.20,  
 15          F.S.; providing an exemption from portions of the  
 16          comprehensive health education in public schools to  
 17          certain students; providing requirements for such  
 18          exemption; providing an effective date.

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

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 22           Section 1. Paragraph (n) of subsection (2) of section  
 23   1003.42, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

24           1003.42 Required instruction.—

25           (2) Members of the instructional staff of the public

26 | schools, subject to the rules of the State Board of Education  
27 | and the district school board, shall teach efficiently and  
28 | faithfully, using the books and materials required that meet the  
29 | highest standards for professionalism and historical accuracy,  
30 | following the prescribed courses of study, and employing  
31 | approved methods of instruction, the following:

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

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50 | The State Board of Education is encouraged to adopt standards

51 and pursue assessment of the requirements of this subsection. A  
52 character development program that incorporates the values of  
53 the recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor and that is  
54 offered as part of a social studies, English Language Arts, or  
55 other schoolwide character building and veteran awareness  
56 initiative meets the requirements of paragraphs (s) and (t).

57 Section 2. Subsection (4) is added to section 1003.453,  
58 Florida Statutes, to read:

59 1003.453 School wellness and physical education policies;  
60 nutrition guidelines.—

61 (4) Each school district shall develop a cardiac emergency  
62 response plan, in accordance with the standards established by  
63 the American Heart Association, for implementation at each  
64 public school operated by the district. The cardiac emergency  
65 response plan must include a school's response to sudden cardiac  
66 arrest experienced by a student or other individual on school  
67 grounds and an automated external defibrillator (AED)  
68 maintenance plan if a school has AED equipment. The AED  
69 maintenance plan must include a review of the status of AEDs in  
70 school facilities at least once every 3 years.

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

73 1002.20 K-12 student and parent rights.—Parents of public  
74 school students must receive accurate and timely information  
75 regarding their child's academic progress and must be informed

76 | of ways they can help their child to succeed in school. K-12  
77 | students and their parents are afforded numerous statutory  
78 | rights including, but not limited to, the following:

79 |       (3) HEALTH ISSUES.—

80 |       (n) A public school student whose parent makes a written  
81 | request to the school principal shall be exempted from portions  
82 | of the comprehensive health education required under s.  
83 | 1003.42(2)(n) that the parent finds objectionable.

84 |       Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019.