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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; requiring the Department of
9 Legal Affairs to develop human trafficking awareness
10 campaigns; requiring the department to develop and
11 operate a hotline to receive reports of potential
12 human trafficking activity; requiring the department
13 to provide certain reports to appropriate law
14 enforcement agencies for investigation and
15 disposition; providing an effective date.

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

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19 Section 1. Paragraph (n) of subsection (2) of section
20 1003.42, 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

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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; the dangers and signs of
35 human trafficking; nutrition; personal health; prevention and
36 control of disease; and substance use and abuse. The health
37 education curriculum for students in grades 7 through 12 shall
38 include a teen dating violence and abuse component that
39 includes, but is not limited to, the definition of dating
40 violence and abuse, the warning signs of dating violence and
41 abusive behavior, the characteristics of healthy relationships,
42 measures to prevent and stop dating violence and abuse, and
43 community resources available to victims of dating violence and
44 abuse. The human trafficking education portion of the health
45 curriculum must include, but is not limited to, information on
46 the warning signs of human trafficking, terms used by
47 traffickers, red flags that would indicate a trafficker's
48 malicious intent toward a student, websites that are popular
49 with traffickers, and details on how a student may get help. A
50 student may elect to opt out of the instruction of the human
51 trafficking portion of the health education by providing the
52 school with a written note from his or her parent.

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54 The State Board of Education is encouraged to adopt standards
55 and pursue assessment of the requirements of this subsection. A
56 character development program that incorporates the values of
57 the recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor and that is
58 offered as part of a social studies, English Language Arts, or

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59 other schoolwide character building and veteran awareness
60 initiative meets the requirements of paragraphs (s) and (t).

61 Section 2. Human trafficking awareness campaigns; hotline.-
62 The Department of Legal Affairs shall, subject to legislative
63 appropriations:

64 (1) Develop campaigns to increase awareness of human
65 trafficking, particularly among children and other potentially
66 vulnerable populations. Such campaigns may include information
67 concerning approaches used by traffickers, warning signs of
68 trafficking, and inappropriate behaviors that should be
69 reported.

70 (2) Develop and operate a toll-free hotline to receive
71 reports of potential human trafficking incidents. The department
72 shall promptly provide all such reports deemed to be credible to
73 appropriate law enforcement agencies for investigation and
74 disposition.

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