

By the Committee on Education; and Senator Thurston

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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; providing an effective date.

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

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14       Section 1. Paragraph (n) of subsection (2) of section  
15      1003.42, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

16       1003.42 Required instruction.—

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

24       (n) Comprehensive health education that addresses concepts  
25      of community health; consumer health; environmental health;  
26      family life, including an awareness of the benefits of sexual  
27      abstinence as the expected standard and the consequences of  
28      teenage pregnancy; mental and emotional health; injury  
29      prevention and safety; Internet safety; the dangers and signs of

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

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

56 Section 2. Human trafficking awareness campaigns.—The  
57 Department of Legal Affairs shall, subject to legislative  
58 appropriations, develop campaigns to increase awareness of human

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59 trafficking, particularly among children and other potentially  
60 vulnerable populations. Such campaigns may include information  
61 concerning approaches used by traffickers, warning signs of  
62 trafficking, and inappropriate behaviors that should be  
63 reported.

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