

By Senator Rader

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to health education; amending s.
3 1003.42, F.S.; expanding the required instruction in
4 grades 9 through 12 to include a breast cancer and
5 prostate cancer awareness component; providing an
6 effective date.

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

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10 Section 1. Paragraph (n) of subsection (2) of section
11 1003.42, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

12 1003.42 Required instruction.—

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

20 (n) Comprehensive health education that addresses concepts
21 of community health; consumer health; environmental health;
22 family life, including an awareness of the benefits of sexual
23 abstinence as the expected standard and the consequences of
24 teenage pregnancy; mental and emotional health; injury
25 prevention and safety; Internet safety; nutrition; personal
26 health; prevention and control of disease; and substance use and
27 abuse. The health education curriculum for students in grades 7
28 through 12 shall include a teen dating violence and abuse
29 component that includes, but is not limited to, the definition

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30 of dating violence and abuse, the warning signs of dating
31 violence and abusive behavior, the characteristics of healthy
32 relationships, measures to prevent and stop dating violence and
33 abuse, and community resources available to victims of dating
34 violence and abuse. The health education curriculum for students
35 in grades 9 through 12 shall include a breast cancer and
36 prostate cancer awareness component that includes, but is not
37 limited to, the characteristics of and measures to prevent
38 breast cancer and prostate cancer.

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40 The State Board of Education is encouraged to adopt standards
41 and pursue assessment of the requirements of this subsection. A
42 character development program that incorporates the values of
43 the recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor and that is
44 offered as part of a social studies, English Language Arts, or
45 other schoolwide character building and veteran awareness
46 initiative meets the requirements of paragraphs (s) and (t).

47 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.