

By the Committee on Education; and Senator Bean

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2       An act relating to required health education  
3       instruction; amending s. 1003.42, F.S.; providing  
4       additional requirements for health education; revising  
5       the grade levels when students receive certain health  
6       education instruction; requiring health education  
7       instruction to include prevention of specified harms;  
8       requiring such education to include an awareness of  
9       the benefits of sexual abstinence as the expected  
10      standard and the consequences of teenage pregnancy;  
11      amending s. 1006.148, F.S.; conforming a cross-  
12      reference; providing an effective date.

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

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

18       1003.42 Required instruction.—

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

26       (n) 1. Comprehensive age-appropriate and developmentally  
27      appropriate K-12 health education that addresses concepts of  
28      community health, ~~and~~ consumer health, ~~and~~ environmental health, and  
29      family life, including:

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30 ~~a. An awareness of the benefits of sexual abstinence as the~~  
31 ~~expected standard and the consequences of teenage pregnancy;~~  
32 Mental and emotional health.~~†~~

33 b. Injury prevention and safety.~~†~~

34 c. Internet safety.~~†~~

35 d. Nutrition.~~†~~

36 e. Personal health.~~†~~

37 f. Prevention and control of disease.~~†~~ and

38 g. Substance use and abuse.

39 h. Prevention of child sexual abuse, exploitation, and  
40 human trafficking.

41 2. The health education curriculum for students in grades 7  
42 through 12 shall include a teen dating violence and abuse  
43 component that includes, but is not limited to, the definition  
44 of dating violence and abuse, the warning signs of dating  
45 violence and abusive behavior, the characteristics of healthy  
46 relationships, measures to prevent and stop dating violence and  
47 abuse, and community resources available to victims of dating  
48 violence and abuse.

49 3. The health education curriculum for students in grades 6  
50 through 12 shall include an awareness of the benefits of sexual  
51 abstinence as the expected standard and the consequences of  
52 teenage pregnancy.

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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. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section  
62 1006.148, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

63 1006.148 Dating violence and abuse prohibited.—

64 (1) Each district school board shall adopt and implement a  
65 dating violence and abuse policy. The policy shall:

66 (c) Define dating violence and abuse and provide for a teen  
67 dating violence and abuse component in the health education  
68 curriculum, according to s. 1003.42(2)(n)2. ~~s. 1003.42(2)(n),~~  
69 with emphasis on prevention education.

70 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.