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1 Proposed Committee Substitute by the Committee on
2 Criminal Justice

3 A bill to be entitled
4 An act relating to reproductive health and disease
5 education; amending s. 1002.20, F.S.; providing that a
6 public school student may be exposed to certain
7 teaching only after the student's parents have an
8 opportunity to review the curriculum; amending s.
9 1003.42, F.S.; requiring school districts or specified
10 schools to notify and obtain written parental consent
11 before teaching a student about reproductive health or
12 any sexually transmitted disease; prohibiting schools
13 from allowing a student to be exposed to such teaching
14 without written parental consent; prohibiting
15 penalizing a student whose parent does not give such
16 written consent; providing an effective date.

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

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20 Section 1. Paragraph (d) of subsection (3) of section
21 1002.20, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

22 1002.20 K-12 student and parent rights.—Parents of public
23 school students must receive accurate and timely information
24 regarding their child's academic progress and must be informed
25 of ways they can help their child to succeed in school. K-12
26 students and their parents are afforded numerous statutory
27 rights including, but not limited to, the following:

28 (3) HEALTH ISSUES.—

29 (d) *Reproductive health and disease education.*—Parents of A



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30 public school students must be provided an opportunity to review
31 curriculum used to teach about student whose parent makes
32 written request to the school principal shall be exempted from
33 the teaching of reproductive health or any sexually transmitted
34 disease, including HIV/AIDS, before providing written consent
35 required by in accordance with the provisions of s. 1003.42(3).

36 Section 2. Subsection (3) of section 1003.42, Florida
37 Statutes, is amended to read:

38 1003.42 Required instruction.—

39 (3) Each school district, or school as defined in s.
40 1003.01(2), shall provide parents the opportunity to review
41 curriculum used for Any student whose parent makes written
42 request to the school principal shall be exempted from the
43 teaching of reproductive health or any sexually transmitted
44 disease, including HIV/AIDS and, its symptoms, development, and
45 treatment. A school may not allow a student to be exposed to
46 such teaching without prior written consent of his or her
47 parent. A student whose parent does not give written consent for
48 such teaching so exempted may not be penalized by reason of that
49 withholding of consent exemption. Course descriptions for
50 comprehensive health education may shall not interfere with the
51 local determination of appropriate curriculum which reflects
52 local values and concerns.

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