

By the Committee on Criminal Justice; and Senator Rodriguez

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to reproductive health and disease  
3           education; amending s. 1002.20, F.S.; requiring each  
4           school district to publish specified materials on the  
5           district website to notify parents of their right to  
6           exempt their student from reproductive health and  
7           disease education; amending s. 1003.42, F.S.;  
8           requiring district school boards to annually approve  
9           curriculum relating to reproductive health and disease  
10          education in an open, noticed public meeting;  
11          requiring each school district to publish specified  
12          materials on the district website to notify parents of  
13          their right to exempt their student from reproductive  
14          health and disease education; providing an effective  
15          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 (d) of subsection (3) of section  
20           1002.20, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

21           1002.20 K-12 student and parent rights.—Parents of public  
22           school students must receive accurate and timely information  
23           regarding their child's academic progress and must be informed  
24           of ways they can help their child to succeed in school. K-12  
25           students and their parents are afforded numerous statutory  
26           rights including, but not limited to, the following:

27           (3) HEALTH ISSUES.—

28           (d) *Reproductive health and disease education.*—A public  
29           school student whose parent makes written request to the school

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30 principal shall be exempted from the teaching of reproductive  
31 health or any disease, including HIV/AIDS, in accordance with  
32 ~~the provisions of s. 1003.42(3)~~. Each school district shall  
33 notify parents of this right through publication on the district  
34 website of the curriculum, including the process for a parent to  
35 exercise this right.

36 Section 2. Subsections (1) and (3) of section 1003.42,  
37 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

38 1003.42 Required instruction.—

39 (1) (a) Each district school board shall provide all courses  
40 required for middle grades promotion, high school graduation,  
41 and appropriate instruction designed to ensure that students  
42 meet State Board of Education adopted standards in the following  
43 subject areas: reading and other language arts, mathematics,  
44 science, social studies, foreign languages, health and physical  
45 education, and the arts. The state board must remove a middle  
46 grades course in the Course Code Directory that does not fully  
47 integrate all appropriate curricular content required by s.  
48 1003.41 and may approve a new course only if it meets the  
49 required curricular content.

50 (b) The curriculum of any teaching of reproductive health  
51 or any disease, including HIV/AIDS, its symptoms, development,  
52 and treatment, as part of the courses required by paragraph (a)  
53 must be annually approved by a district school board in an open,  
54 noticed public meeting.

55 (3) Any student whose parent makes written request to the  
56 school principal shall be exempted from the teaching of  
57 reproductive health or any disease, including HIV/AIDS, its  
58 symptoms, development, and treatment. A student so exempted may

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59 not be penalized by reason of that exemption. Course  
60 descriptions for comprehensive health education shall not  
61 interfere with the local determination of appropriate curriculum  
62 which reflects local values and concerns. Each school district  
63 shall notify parents of this right through publication on the  
64 district website of the curriculum, including the process for a  
65 parent to exercise this right.

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