

CHAPTER 2021-83

Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 519

An act relating to required health education instruction; amending s. 1003.42, F.S.; providing additional requirements for health education; revising the grades when students receive certain health education instruction; requiring health education instruction include prevention of specified harms; amending s. 1006.148, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; providing an effective date.

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

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

1003.42 Required instruction.—

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

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

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

~~b. Injury prevention and safety,;~~

~~c. Internet safety,;~~

~~d. Nutrition,;~~

~~e. Personal health,;~~

~~f. Prevention and control of disease,; and~~

~~g. Substance use and abuse.~~

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

2. The health education curriculum for students in grades 7 through 12 shall include a teen dating violence and abuse component that includes, but is not limited to, the definition of dating violence and abuse, the warning signs of dating violence and abusive behavior, the characteristics of healthy

relationships, measures to prevent and stop dating violence and abuse, and community resources available to victims of dating violence and abuse.

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

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

Section 2. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section 1006.148, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1006.148 Dating violence and abuse prohibited.—

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

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

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

Approved by the Governor June 11, 2021.

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