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HOUSE BILL NO. 1047

BY REPRESENTATIVE JEFFERSON

CURRICULA: Expands the information required to be provided in health instruction for high school students

AN ACT

2	To enact R.S. 17:279.1 and 282, relative to health instruction in public schools; relative to
3	anatomy and physiology instruction; to provide for guidelines for such instruction;
4	to provide for definitions; and to provide for related matters.
5	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
6	Section 1. R.S. 17:279.1 and 282 is hereby enacted to read as follows:
7	§279.1. Anatomy and physiology; required instruction
8	A. Each public school governing authority shall provide students in grades
9	nine through twelve, each year, medically accurate, developmentally appropriate,
0	and age-appropriate instruction relative to anatomy and physiology. The instruction
1	shall be integrated into an existing course of study on health.
12	Instruction on anatomy and physiology shall include information on the
13	following:
4	(1) The human body and its parts.
15	(2) Public and private resources available to assist in understanding the body.
16	(3) Statistical data on abortion, adoption, childbirth, and pregnancy in
17	Louisiana including but not limited to teenage pregnancy.
18	(4) The benefits of adoption to society, inclusive of foster care and infant
9	adoption.

1	C. A student shall be excused from such instruction upon the written request
2	of a parent or legal guardian, and the student shall not be subject to disciplinary
3	action, academic penalty, or any other sanction.
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5	§282. Anatomy and physiology
6	A. Each public school governing authority may provide students in grades
7	eight and below, each year, medically accurate, developmentally appropriate, and
8	age-appropriate instruction relative to anatomy and physiology. The instruction shall
9	be integrated into an existing course of study on health.
10	B. Instruction on awareness of anatomy and physiology shall include
11	information on the following:
12	(1) The human body and its parts.
13	(2) Public and private resources available to assist in understanding the body.
14	(3) Statistical data on abortion, adoption, childbirth, and pregnancy in
15	Louisiana including but not limited to teenage pregnancy.
16	(4) The benefits of adoption to society, inclusive of foster care and infant
17	adoption.
18	C. A student shall be excused from such instruction upon the written request
19	of a parent or legal guardian, and the student shall not be subject to disciplinary
20	action, academic penalty, or any other sanction.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires anatomy and physiology instruction for grades nine through 12 in public schools.

<u>Proposed law</u> requires public school governing authorities to provide instruction in anatomy and physiology each year to students in grades nine through 12; authorizes such instruction in grades eight and below. Requires that such instruction be medically accurate and developmentally and age-appropriate.

(Adds R.S. 17:279.1 and 282)

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