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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to human trafficking education in
3 schools; amending s. 1003.42, F.S.; revising the
4 required health education in public schools to include
5 information regarding the dangers and signs of human
6 trafficking; authorizing a student to opt out of a
7 specified portion of the health education under
8 certain circumstances; providing an effective date.
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10 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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12 Section 1. Paragraph (n) of subsection (2) of section
13 1003.42, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

14 1003.42 Required instruction.—

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

22 (n) Comprehensive health education that addresses concepts
23 of community health; consumer health; environmental health;
24 family life, including an awareness of the benefits of sexual
25 abstinence as the expected standard and the consequences of
26 teenage pregnancy; mental and emotional health; injury
27 prevention and safety; Internet safety; the dangers and signs of
28 human trafficking; nutrition; personal health; prevention and
29 control of disease; and substance use and abuse. The health

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30 education curriculum for students in grades 7 through 12 shall
31 include a teen dating violence and abuse component that
32 includes, but is not limited to, the definition of dating
33 violence and abuse, the warning signs of dating violence and
34 abusive behavior, the characteristics of healthy relationships,
35 measures to prevent and stop dating violence and abuse, and
36 community resources available to victims of dating violence and
37 abuse. The human trafficking education portion of the health
38 curriculum must include, but is not limited to, information on
39 the warning signs of human trafficking, terms used by
40 traffickers, red flags that would indicate a trafficker's
41 malicious intent toward a student, websites that are popular
42 with traffickers, and details on how a student may get help. A
43 student may elect to opt out of the instruction of the human
44 trafficking portion of the health education by providing the
45 school with a written note from his or her parent.

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47 The State Board of Education is encouraged to adopt standards
48 and pursue assessment of the requirements of this subsection.

49 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.