

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to health education; amending s.  
 3           1003.42, F.S.; requiring health education instruction  
 4           for certain students to include age-appropriate water  
 5           safety instruction; providing requirements for such  
 6           instruction; providing an effective date.

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

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 10           Section 1. Paragraph (n) of subsection (2) of section  
 11   1003.42, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

12           1003.42 Required instruction.—

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

20           (n) Comprehensive health education that addresses concepts  
 21   of community health; consumer health; environmental health;  
 22   family life, including an awareness of the benefits of sexual  
 23   abstinence as the expected standard and the consequences of  
 24   teenage pregnancy; mental and emotional health; injury  
 25   prevention and safety; water safety; Internet safety; nutrition;

26 | personal health; prevention and control of disease; and  
27 | substance use and abuse. The health education curriculum for  
28 | students in grades 7 through 12 shall include a teen dating  
29 | violence and abuse component that includes, but is not limited  
30 | to, the definition of dating violence and abuse, the warning  
31 | signs of dating violence and abusive behavior, the  
32 | characteristics of healthy relationships, measures to prevent  
33 | and stop dating violence and abuse, and community resources  
34 | available to victims of dating violence and abuse. Each school  
35 | district shall incorporate age-appropriate water safety  
36 | instruction into the health education curriculum for students in  
37 | grades kindergarten through 12, including, but not limited to,  
38 | the proper use of flotation devices, awareness of water  
39 | conditions, how to respond if caught in a rip current, the  
40 | proper supervision of swim areas, safe behaviors in and around  
41 | the water, the importance of pool barriers and fencing, the  
42 | importance of formal swim lessons, the importance of avoiding  
43 | alcohol and substance use with water recreation, the importance  
44 | of cardiopulmonary resuscitation for drowning victims and the  
45 | importance of the order of administering such aid.

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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. A  
49 | character development program that incorporates the values of  
50 | the recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor and that is

51 | offered as part of a social studies, English Language Arts, or  
52 | other schoolwide character building and veteran awareness  
53 | initiative meets the requirements of paragraphs (s) and (t).

54 |       Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.