

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1946

By: Representative Bentley

By: Senator C. Penzo

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO REQUIRE HUMAN GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT
INSTRUCTION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS; AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO REQUIRE HUMAN GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT
INSTRUCTION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-15-202(f)(46) and (47), concerning the laws for which public school superintendents may be required to submit a written statement of assurance that ensures compliance, is amended to read as follows:

(46) Section 6-17-2803(7) and rules promulgated by the state board concerning the required training and credentialing of evaluators under the Teacher Excellence and Support System, § 6-17-2801 et seq.; ~~and~~

(47) Section 6-16-1008 concerning requirements for certain human fetal growth and development education; and

~~(47)(48)~~ Any other statutory mandate for school districts identified by the division as relevant to the Standards for Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools and School Districts.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 16, Subchapter 10, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

6-16-1008. Human growth and development instruction – Required – Definition.



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(a) Beginning with the 2025-2026 school year, each public school serving students in grades six through twelve (6-12) shall provide instruction on human growth and development.

(b) The human growth and development instruction required under subsection (a) of this section shall include without limitation the following:

(1) A high-definition ultrasound video, at least three (3) minutes in duration, that shows the development of the brain, heart, sex organs, and other vital organs in early fetal development; and

(2) A high-quality, computer-generated rendering or animation that shows the process of fertilization and every stage of human development inside the uterus, noting significant markers in cell growth and organ development during each week of pregnancy until birth.

(c) The human growth and development instruction required under this section shall be included in every class that discusses or provides instruction concerning:

(1) Human biology;

(2) Contraception; or

(3) Sexually transmitted diseases or sexually transmitted infections.

(d) As used in this section, "public school" means:

(1) A public school within a public school district; or

(2) An open-enrollment public charter school.