

SENATE BILL NO. 1198

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR GREGORY (15).

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KRISTINA MARTIN, Secretary

AN ACT

To amend chapter 170, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to instruction in human development, with an emergency clause.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 170, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto
2 one new section, to be known as section 170.016, to read as
3 follows:

170.016. 1. Human growth and development curriculum
2 shall be taught in the public schools of this state. Human
3 growth and development education shall include, but shall
4 not be limited to:

5 (1) Human biology related to pregnancy;

6 (2) Human development inside of a womb;

7 (3) A high-definition ultrasound video, at least three
8 minutes in duration, showing the development of the brain,
9 heart, sex organs, and other vital organs in early fetal
10 development; and

11 (4) A high-quality, computer-generated rendering or
12 animation showing the process of fertilization and every
13 stage of fetal development, highlighting significant markers
14 in cell growth and organ development until birth.

15 2. School districts shall provide the curriculum
16 described in subsection 1 of this section to students in
17 grades one through six in an age-appropriate manner.

18 Schools may incorporate the curriculum into an existing
19 course or courses or develop curriculum for a separate
20 course.

21 3. School districts shall provide a continuation of
22 the curriculum described in subsection 1 of this section to
23 students in grades seven and eight in a developmentally
24 appropriate manner. Schools may incorporate the curriculum
25 into an existing course or courses or develop curriculum for
26 a separate course.

27 4. In order to graduate from a public high school
28 accredited by the state board of education with a standard
29 diploma, students in grades nine through twelve shall
30 receive human growth and development instruction as
31 described in subsection 1 of this section. Such instruction
32 shall be integrated into health or science education and
33 shall be incorporated into the academic performance
34 standards adopted by the state board of education under
35 section 160.514.

36 5. The department of elementary and secondary
37 education shall develop guidelines, material, professional
38 development programs, and resources designed to enable
39 schools and teachers to include human growth and development
40 instruction within any course of study currently offered by
41 the school district or offer human growth and development as
42 a separate course.

Section B. Because of the urgent need to provide
2 students accurate instruction on the fundamentals of human
3 growth and development, section A of this act is deemed
4 necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
5 health, welfare, peace, and safety, and is hereby declared
6 to be an emergency act within the meaning of the

7 constitution, and section A of this act shall be in full
8 force and effect upon its passage and approval.

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