

House File 2617

S-5073

1 Amend House File 2617, as passed by the House, as follows:

2 1. By striking everything after the enacting clause and  
3 inserting:

4 <Section 1. Section 256.11, subsection 4, Code 2024, is  
5 amended to read as follows:

6 4. The following shall be taught in grades seven and  
7 eight: English-language arts; social studies; mathematics;  
8 science; health; age-appropriate and research-based human  
9 growth and development that incorporates the standards  
10 established under section 279.50, subsection 3, paragraph "b";  
11 career exploration and development; physical education; music;  
12 and visual art. Computer science instruction incorporating  
13 the standards established under section 256.7, subsection  
14 26, paragraph "a", subparagraph (4), shall be offered in  
15 at least one grade level commencing with the school year  
16 beginning July 1, 2023. Career exploration and development  
17 shall be designed so that students are appropriately prepared  
18 to create an individual career and academic plan pursuant to  
19 section 279.61, incorporate foundational career and technical  
20 education concepts aligned with the six career and technical  
21 education service areas as defined in [subsection 5](#), paragraph  
22 "h", incorporate relevant twenty-first century skills to  
23 facilitate career readiness, and introduce students to career  
24 opportunities within the local community and across this  
25 state. The health curriculum shall include age-appropriate  
26 and research-based information regarding the characteristics  
27 of sexually transmitted diseases. The state board as part of  
28 accreditation standards shall adopt curriculum definitions for  
29 implementing the program in grades seven and eight. However,  
30 this subsection shall not apply to the teaching of career  
31 exploration and development in nonpublic schools.

32 Sec. 2. Section 256.11, subsection 5, paragraph j,  
33 subparagraph (1), Code 2024, is amended to read as follows:

34 (1) One unit of health education which may include personal  
35 health; food and nutrition; environmental health; safety and

1 survival skills; consumer health; family life; age-appropriate  
2 and research-based human growth and development that  
3 incorporates the standards established under section 279.50,  
4 subsection 3, paragraph "b"; substance use disorder and nonuse;  
5 emotional and social health; health resources; cardiopulmonary  
6 resuscitation; and prevention and control of disease, including  
7 age-appropriate and research-based information regarding  
8 sexually transmitted diseases.

9 Sec. 3. Section 256E.7, subsection 2, paragraph g, Code  
10 2024, is amended to read as follows:

11 g. Be subject to and comply with the requirements of section  
12 256.7, subsection 21, and the educational standards of section  
13 256.11, unless specifically waived by the state board during  
14 the application process; provided, however, that the state  
15 board shall not waive the educational standards of section  
16 256.11 relating to the human growth and development curriculum  
17 for grades seven and eight or the health curriculum for grades  
18 nine through twelve.

19 Sec. 4. Section 256F.4, subsection 2, Code 2024, is amended  
20 by adding the following new paragraph:

21 NEW PARAGRAPH. p. Be subject to and comply with the  
22 requirements of section 256.11 relating to the human growth  
23 and development curriculum for grades seven and eight and the  
24 health curriculum for grades nine through twelve.

25 Sec. 5. Section 279.50, subsection 3, Code 2024, is amended  
26 to read as follows:

27 3. a. Each school board shall provide age-appropriate and  
28 research-based instruction in human growth and development  
29 including instruction regarding human sexuality, self-esteem,  
30 stress management, interpersonal relationships, domestic abuse,  
31 and the prevention and control of disease, including sexually  
32 transmitted diseases as required in [section 256.11](#), in grades  
33 seven through twelve.

34 b. The age-appropriate and research-based instruction in  
35 human growth and development described in paragraph "a" shall

1 include all of the following:

2 (1) Instruction related to human development inside the  
3 womb.

4 (2) A high-definition ultrasound video showing the presence  
5 of the brain, heart, and other vital organs in early fetal  
6 development.

7 (3) A high-quality, computer-generated rendering or  
8 animation that depicts the humanity of the unborn child, that  
9 shows every stage of human development inside the uterus,  
10 starting at conception, and that notes significant markers in  
11 cell growth and organ development for every significant marker  
12 of pregnancy until birth.>

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