

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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 T. JONES, FLICK AND RAPP, MARCH 5, 2024

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, MARCH 5, 2024

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), entitled "An
 2 act relating to the public school system, including certain
 3 provisions applicable as well to private and parochial
 4 schools; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the
 5 laws relating thereto," in terms and courses of study,
 6 providing for early human life development education.

7 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
 8 hereby enacts as follows:

9 Section 1. The act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known
 10 as the Public School Code of 1949, is amended by adding a
 11 section to read:

12 Section 1555. Early Human Life Development Education.--(a)

13 (1) Beginning with the 2024-2025 school year, each school
 14 entity shall provide early human life development instruction to
 15 students. The early human life development instruction shall be
 16 integrated within the biology courses of study required in
 17 accordance with the State Board of Education regulations.

18 (2) The early human life development instruction under
 19 paragraph (1) shall, at a minimum, include:

1 (i) An ultrasound video five minutes in length showing human
2 development of the brain, heart and other vital organs at the
3 following intervals:

4 (A) Eight weeks' gestational age.

5 (B) Twelve weeks' gestational age.

6 (C) Seventeen weeks' gestational age.

7 (D) Twenty-two weeks' gestational age.

8 (E) Twenty-seven weeks' gestational age.

9 (F) Thirty-two weeks' gestational age.

10 (G) Thirty-seven weeks' gestational age.

11 (ii) A high-quality, computer-generated, interactive
12 rendering of the process of fertilization and stages of human
13 development that depicts significant markers in cell growth and
14 organ development for every week of pregnancy until birth.

15 (b) If a school entity offers human sexuality instruction,
16 the instruction shall include early human life development
17 instruction.

18 (c) As used in this section, the following words and phrases
19 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
20 context clearly indicates otherwise:

21 "Early human life development instruction." Any oral,
22 written or digital lesson, lecture or presentation intended to
23 educate students on topics about human biology, including
24 pregnancy or human development during pregnancy.

25 "Gestational age." The age of an unborn child as calculated
26 from the first day of the last menstrual period of the pregnant
27 woman.

28 "Human sexuality instruction." Any oral, written or digital
29 lesson, lecture or presentation intended to educate students on
30 topics about sexual activity and pregnancy in the context of

1 student health or health relationships and the human development
2 at each stage of life during pregnancy.

3 "School entity." A school district, intermediate unit,
4 charter school, cyber charter school or regional charter school.

5 "Ultrasound video." A video produced through the use of an
6 ultrasound machine which is of sufficient quality to be used in
7 determining gestational age.

8 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.