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 2 An act relating to required health education
 3 instruction; amending s. 1003.42, F.S.; providing
 4 additional requirements for health education; revising
 5 the grades when students receive certain health
 6 education instruction; requiring health education
 7 instruction include prevention of specified harms;
 8 amending s. 1006.148, F.S.; conforming a cross-
 9 reference; providing an effective date.

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

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 13 Section 1. Paragraph (n) of subsection (2) of section
 14 1003.42, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

15 1003.42 Required instruction.—

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

23 (n)1. Comprehensive age-appropriate and developmentally
 24 appropriate K-12 health education that addresses concepts of
 25 community health,~~+~~ consumer health,~~+~~ environmental health,~~+~~ and

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26 family life, including:

27 a. ~~An awareness of the benefits of sexual abstinence as~~

28 ~~the expected standard and the consequences of teenage pregnancy;~~

29 Mental and emotional health.

30 b. Injury prevention and safety.

31 c. Internet safety.

32 d. Nutrition.

33 e. Personal health.

34 f. Prevention and control of disease; and

35 g. Substance use and abuse.

36 h. Prevention of child sexual abuse, exploitation, and

37 human trafficking.

38 2. The health education curriculum for students in grades

39 7 through 12 shall include a teen dating violence and abuse

40 component that includes, but is not limited to, the definition

41 of dating violence and abuse, the warning signs of dating

42 violence and abusive behavior, the characteristics of healthy

43 relationships, measures to prevent and stop dating violence and

44 abuse, and community resources available to victims of dating

45 violence and abuse.

46 3. The health education curriculum for students in grades

47 6 through 12 shall include an awareness of the benefits of

48 sexual abstinence as the expected standard and the consequences

49 of teenage pregnancy.

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51 The State Board of Education is encouraged to adopt standards
52 and pursue assessment of the requirements of this subsection. A
53 character development program that incorporates the values of
54 the recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor and that is
55 offered as part of a social studies, English Language Arts, or
56 other schoolwide character building and veteran awareness
57 initiative meets the requirements of paragraphs (s) and (t).

58 Section 2. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section
59 1006.148, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

60 1006.148 Dating violence and abuse prohibited.—

61 (1) Each district school board shall adopt and implement a
62 dating violence and abuse policy. The policy shall:

63 (c) Define dating violence and abuse and provide for a
64 teen dating violence and abuse component in the health education
65 curriculum, according to s. 1003.42(2)(n)2. ~~s. 1003.42(2)(n)~~,
66 with emphasis on prevention education.

67 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.