

House Bill 1036

By: Representatives Daniel of the 117th, Dubnik of the 29th, Ballard of the 147th, Jones of the 25th, New of the 64th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 20-2-142 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 prescribed courses with respect to competencies and core curriculum under the "Quality
3 Basic Education Act," so as to require a course of instruction in pregnancy, health, and
4 human development for students in grades nine through 12; to require that such course of
5 instruction be included in the course of instruction regarding health and physical education;
6 to require the State Board of Education to consult with the Department of Public Health; to
7 provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 Code Section 20-2-142 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to prescribed
11 courses with respect to competencies and core curriculum under the "Quality Basic
12 Education Act," is amended by adding a new paragraph to subsection (c) to read as follows:
13 "(3) The State Board of Education, in consultation with the Department of Public Health,
14 shall prescribe a course of study in pregnancy, health, and human development for grades
15 nine through 12, which shall be included as part of the health and physical education
16 course of study provided for in paragraph (1) of this subsection. Such course of study

17 shall include instruction on human biology related to pregnancy and shall include, but
18 shall not be limited to, the following topics:

19 (A) The stages and hallmarks of gestational development for humans, which shall
20 include a high-definition ultrasound video or high-quality computer generated rendering
21 or animation, showing the process of fertilization, and every stage of human
22 development inside the uterus, noting significant markers and cell growth as well as
23 organ development for every week of pregnancy until birth, including but not limited
24 to the development of the brain, heart, sex organs, and other vital organs during early
25 human development; and

26 (B) Comorbid conditions encountered in pregnant women and the symptoms of each,
27 complications of delivery, and the frequency and common causes of maternal mortality
28 resulting from explicit complications of pregnancy."

29 **SECTION 2.**

30 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.