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HOUSE BILL NO. 274

BY REPRESENTATIVE EDMONDS

CURRICULA: Expands the information required to be provided in adoption awareness instruction for high school students

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:263(C), relative to curricula; to expand the topics required to be included
3 in adoption awareness instruction for high school students; and to provide for related
4 matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 17:263(C) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §263. Adoption awareness; required instruction

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9 C. Instruction on adoption awareness shall also include the following:

10 (1) The benefits of adoption to society.

11 (2) The types of adoption available.

12 (3) The difference between foster care and infant adoption.

13 (4) The reasons adoption is preferable to abortion.

14 (5) Public and private resources and agencies available to assist in the
15 adoption process.

16 (6) Statistical data on abortion, adoption, and childbirth.

17 (7) Public and private resources available for pregnant mothers and parents.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Expands the topics required to be included in adoption awareness instruction in high school.

Present law requires instruction on adoption awareness for high school students. Defines "adoption awareness" as specific instruction on the benefits of adoption for families wishing to add a child, for potential adoptees, and for persons who are pregnant or who have a child for whom they are unable to care.

Proposed law additionally requires adoption awareness instruction to include:

- (1) The benefits of adoption to society.
- (2) The types of adoption available.
- (3) The difference between foster care and infant adoption.
- (4) The reasons adoption is preferable to abortion.
- (5) Public and private resources and agencies available to assist in the adoption process.
- (6) Statistical data on abortion, adoption, and childbirth.
- (7) Public and private resources available for pregnant mothers and parents.

(Adds R.S. 17:263(C))